

***hwitaz** Runic: ᚠ ᚹ ᚦ ᚦ ᚹ Pronunciation: /'xwi:.taz/

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adjective · a-stem

Meanings

white

Etymology

Kroonen notes a possible derivation from Proto-Indo-European **ḱweytōr*, genitive **ḱwitnós*, a heteroclitic byform of **ḱweytos* ('bright; shine'). The oblique stem, used to form **ḱwitnós* would create a voiceless geminate stop *tt* assuming Kluge's law, which would be reduced to a single *t* after the heavy first syllable once the consonantism was analogically extended to other cases. Compare Proto-Slavic **světb* ('light; world'), Sanskrit श्वेत (*śvetá*) (*śvetá*, 'white, bright').

Declension

Strong declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	hwītaz	hwītō	hwīta, -atō	hwītai	hwītōz	hwītō
Acc.	hwītanq̄	hwītq̄	hwīta, -atō	hwītanz	hwītōz	hwītō
Gen.	hwītas, -is	hwītaizōz	hwītas, -is	hwītaizq̄	hwītaizq̄	hwītaizq̄
Dat.	hwītammai	hwītaizōi	hwītammai	hwītaimaz	hwītaimaz	hwītaimaz
Inst.	hwītanō	hwītaizō	hwītanō	hwītaimiz	hwītaimiz	hwītaimiz

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Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	hwītô	hwītō	hwītô	hwītaniz	hwītōniz	hwītōnō
Acc.	hwītanų	hwītōnų	hwītô	hwītanunz	hwītōnunz	hwītōnō
Gen.	hwītiniz	hwītōniz	hwītiniz	hwītanġ	hwītōnġ	hwītanġ
Dat.	hwītini	hwītōni	hwītini	hwītam maz	hwītōmaz	hwītam maz
Inst.	hwītinē	hwītōnē	hwītinē	hwītam miz	hwītōmiz	hwītam miz

Descendants

*hwīt (Proto-West Germanic)

- wit (Old Dutch)
 - wit (Middle Dutch)
 - wiet (Limburgish)

*hwīt (Proto-West Germanic)

- wit (Old Dutch)
 - wit (Middle Dutch)
 - wit (Dutch)
 - wit (Afrikaans)

*hwīt (Proto-West Germanic)

- hwīt (Old English)
 - whit, hwit, white, whyte, whitt, whytt, whyt, whiȝt, qwyght, ȝwijt, wyghte, whiyt, whijt (Middle English)
 - white (English)
 - quhite, fyte, fite, whyte, white (Scots)
 - whit (Yola)

*hwīt (Proto-West Germanic)

- hwīt, wīt (Old Frisian)
 - ? (North Frisian)
 - wiet (Saterland Frisian)
 - wyt (West Frisian)

*hwīt (Proto-West Germanic)

- wīz (Old High German)

- wīz** (Middle High German)
- wiiss** (Alemannic German)
- ?** (Bavarian)
- wieß** (Central Franconian)
- weiß** (German)
- wäiss** (Luxembourgish)
- ?** (Rhine Franconian)
- wąjs** (Vilamovian)
- ווייס (vays)** (Yiddish)

***hwīt** (Proto-West Germanic)

- hwīt** (Old Saxon)
- wit** (Middle Low German)
- witt** (Plautdietsch)

***hwīt** (Proto-West Germanic)

- hwīt** (Old Saxon)
- wit** (Middle Low German)
- witt** (Low German)
- witt** (German Low German)

hvítr (Old Norse)

- wait** (Elfdalian)
- hvítur** (Faroese)
- hvítur** (Icelandic)
- hvid** (Norn)

hvítr (Old Norse)

- kvit, kvit’u, kvit’e** (Norwegian Nynorsk)
- kvit** (Norwegian Bokmål)

hvítr (Old Norse)

- hwit** (Old Danish)
- hvid** (Danish)
- hvit** (Norwegian Bokmål)

hvítr (Old Norse)

- huit** (Old Gutnish)
- veitar, veita, veit** (Gutnish)

hvítr (Old Norse)

- hviter** (Old Swedish)
- vit, hvit** (Swedish)

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wichtgata (Crimean Gothic)

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