

***-(i)jaz²** Runic: (|)᛫ᛦᛦᛦ Pronunciation: /i.jaz/

suffix · forms nouns · masculine · ja-stem

Function

forms relational adjectives and substantivized nominals denoting origin, descent, affiliation, or be-longing; ‘of, from, belonging to, descended from’

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **-yó-s*, with Sievers-law allomorph **-iyó-s*, the masculine nominative singular of the relational adjective suffix **-yó-/*-iyó-*. The original sense was broadly adjectival, ‘belonging to, connected with, characterized by’, from which the Germanic meanings ‘from, of, descended from, affiliated with’ developed. Cognate with Latin *-ius*, Ancient Greek *-ιος* (*-ios*), and Sanskrit *-य* (*-ya*), all continuing the same broad Indo-European relational/adjectival suffix (Fulk 2018: 213–14; Krahe & Meid 1969: 70–72; Meier-Brügger 2003: 282–85; Ringe 2017: 326).

Declension

The suffix varies as **-jaz* /**-ijaz* based on Siever’s Law: the basic **-jaz* form is used after a “light” syllable (a short vowel followed by a single consonant), and otherwise, the form becomes **-ijaz*.

Paradigm

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	-(i)jaz	-(i)jōz, -(i)jōs
Acc.	-(i)ja	-(i)janz
Gen.	-(i)jas, -īs	-(i)jô
Dat.	-(i)jai	-(i)jamaz
Inst.	-(i)jō	-(i)jamiz
Voc.	-ī	-(i)jōz, -(i)jōs

Descendants

-𐌵𐌶 (-jaŕ) (Proto-Norse)

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