

***-(i)jaz**³ Runic: (|)ᄇᄃᄅ Pronunciation: /i.jaz/

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Function

forms denominal adjectives meaning ‘having, furnished with, characterized by, made of, or pertaining to’ the base noun

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **-yó-s*, with Sievers-law allomorph **-iyó-s*, the masculine nominative singular of the relational/possessive adjective suffix **-yó-/*-iyó-*. The original sense was broadly ‘belonging to, connected with, characterized by, having’, whence Proto-Germanic denominal adjectives in **-(i)jaz*, feminine **-(i)jō*, neuter **-(i)jq*, meaning ‘having X, characterized by X, pertaining to X’. Cognate with Latin *-ius*, Ancient Greek *-ιος (-ios)*, and Sanskrit *-य (-ya)* (Fulk 2018: 213–14; 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

Strong declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	-(i)jaz	-(i)jō	-(i)ja, -atō	-(i)jai	-(i)jōz	-(i)jō
Acc.	-(i)janō	-(i)jō	-(i)ja, -atō	-(i)janz	-(i)jōz	-(i)jō
Gen.	-(i)jas, -īs	-(i)jaizōz	-(i)jas, -īs	-(i)jaizō	-(i)jaizō	-(i)jaizō
Dat.	-(i)jammai	-(i)jaizōi	-(i)jammai	-(i)jaimaz	-(i)jaimaz	-(i)jaimaz
Inst.	-(i)janō	-(i)jaizō	-(i)janō	-(i)jaimiz	-(i)jaimiz	-(i)jaimiz

Weak declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	-(i)jō	-(i)jō	-(i)jō	-(i)janiz	-(i)jōniz	-(i)jōnō
Acc.	-(i)janu	-(i)jōnu	-(i)jō	-(i)janunz	-(i)jōnunz	-(i)jōnō
Gen.	-īniz	-(i)jōniz	-īniz	-(i)janō	-(i)jōnō	-(i)janō
Dat.	-īni	-(i)jōni	-īni	-(i)jammaz	-(i)jōmaz	-(i)jammaz
Inst.	-īnē	-(i)jōnē	-īnē	-(i)jammiz	-(i)jōmiz	-(i)jammiz

Descendants

*-ī (Proto-West Germanic)

-i (Old Dutch)

-e (Middle Dutch)

-e (Dutch)

*-ī (Proto-West Germanic)

-e (Old English)

-e (Middle English)

-e (Middle Scots)

-e (English)

*-ī (Proto-West Germanic)

-e (Frisian)

-e (Saterland Frisian)

*-ī (Proto-West Germanic)

-e, -i (Old High German)

-e (Middle High German)

*-ī (Proto-West Germanic)

-i (Old Saxon)

-e (Middle Low German)

-|ȝ (-ir) (Proto-Norse)

-r (Old Norse)

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