

***-(i)slą** Runic: (|)ᚱᚱᚱ Pronunciation: /i.slǎ/

suffix · forms nouns · neuter · a-stem

Function

forms neuter deverbal nouns, originally denoting instruments or means; later also products, results, or actions associated with the verbal base

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **-tlo-m*. The **-s-* arose in formations where **-tlo-* was added to dental-final bases: **-d-tlo-* / **-t-tlo-* > **-ttlo-* > Proto-Germanic **-sslo-* > **-slo-* (Fulk 2018: 113), with later reanalysis as an independent suffix. Compare PGmc **baitislą* (with epenthetic **-i-* due to Siever's Law after the heavy root), from PIE **b^hoid-tlo-m* (de Vries 1977: s.v. beizl, beisl; Olsen 1988: §4.2.7) and possibly **hunslą* from PIE **kwen-(t)-tlo-m* (Kroonen 2013: 256–57; Kümmel 2011-2026: 53 n. 1). An alternate form was **-slō* (from PIE instrumental/collective **-sleh₂*); compare **pinhslō* from PIE **teng^h-sleh₂*. Cognate with Proto-Slavic **-slo*/**-sla* (Derksen 2008: s.vv. **tesla*; **teslò*) . Possibly related to **-ilaz*.

Paradigm

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	-slą	-slō
Acc.	-slą	-slō
Gen.	-slas, -slis	-slô
Dat.	-slai	-slamaz
Inst.	-slō	-slamiz
Voc.	-slą	-slō

Descendants

Proto-West Germanic -sl

- *sl (Old Dutch)
- sel (Dutch)

Proto-West Germanic -sl

- sl, sel (Old English)
- sel, sil, sol, sul, syl, sell (Middle English)
- sel (English)

Proto-West Germanic -sl

- sla, sala (Old Saxon)
- sel (Low German)

Proto-West Germanic -sl

- sala, sila (Old High German)
- sel (German)

-sl (Old Norse)

- sl (Faroese)
- sl (Icelandic)
- sl (Norwegian Nynorsk)

-sl (Old Norse)

- lse (Danish)
- lse (Swedish)

-sl (Old Norse)

- lse, -sl, -sla (Old Swedish)
- lse (Norwegian Bokmål)

-sλ (-sl) (Gothic)

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Words mentioned in this entry

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