

***-ilaz**¹ Runic: | ǀ ǀ ǂ ǂ Pronunciation: /i.laz/

suffix · forms nouns · masculine · a-stem

Function

forms instrument nouns such as tools

Etymology

From earlier Proto-Germanic **-illaz*, from pre-Germanic **-i-tló-s*, a masculine thematic derivative of the Proto-Indo-European instrument suffix **-tlo-*, originally added to the stem of *ye*-presents (with the **-i*-being the residue of the *ye*-present suffix). In PGmc, **-tl-* became **-dl-* due to Verner's Law and the **-d-* was then assimilated, giving **-ll-*; this geminate was later shortened in the unstressed suffix, giving productive **-ilaz* (Kroonen 2017; Olsen 1988: 19–24). The suffix was then generalized within PGmc to form instrument nouns.

Paradigm

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	-ilaz	-ilōz, -ilōs
Acc.	-ilaꝥ	-ilanz
Gen.	-ilas, -ilis	-ilô
Dat.	-ilai	-ilamaz
Inst.	-ilō	-ilamiz
Voc.	-il	-ilōz, -ilōs

Descendants

***-il, *-ul** (Proto-West Germanic)

-el (Dutch)

***-il, *-ul** (Proto-West Germanic)

-el, -ol, -ul (Old English)

-el (Middle English)

-el, -le (English)

***-il, *-ul** (Proto-West Germanic)

-el (West Frisian)

***-il, *-ul** (Proto-West Germanic)

-il (Old High German)

-el (Middle High German)

-el (German)

***-il, *-ul** (Proto-West Germanic)

-al, -il (Old Saxon)

-el (Middle Low German)

-el (Low German)

-ill, -all, -ull, -la (Old Norse)

-il (Faroese)

-ill, -all, -ull, -la (Icelandic)

-ill, -all, -ull, -la (Old Norse)

-il (Old Swedish)

-el (Swedish)

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