

***-ingaz** Runic: | ǀXǀY Pronunciation: /iŋ.gaz/

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Function

forms masculine nouns meaning ‘one belonging to, descended from, associated with, or characterized by X’

Etymology

From pre-Germanic **-en-kó-s*. It was originally a compound suffix consisting of a Proto-Indo-European *n*-stem element plus the PIE suffix **-ko-s* (Krahe & Meid 1969: 198–207). Similar in formation are related Proto-Germanic variants **-ungō*/**-ingō* from PIE **-ŋ-kéh₂* / **-en-kéh₂*. This compound suffix was reinterpreted by Proto-Germanic speakers as one suffix (**-ing-*), and it became extremely productive in North and West Germanic. Cognates of this compound suffix in Indo-European are found in Lithuanian *-ingas* and Latvian *-īgs* which have been shown to relate directly to the Germanic suffix (Ambrazas 1994;2003). However, the closest formal parallel is Lithuanian *-ininkas* (and related Baltic formations) that show a similar complex formed by combining *-n-* with a velar suffix (Kluge 1899: 12).

Paradigm

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	-ingaz	-ingōz, -ingōs
Acc.	-inga𐌵	-inganz
Gen.	-ingas, -ingis	-ingô
Dat.	-ingai	-ingamaz
Inst.	-ingō	-ingamiz
Voc.	-ing	-ingōz, -ingōs

Descendants

*-ing (Proto-West Germanic)

-ing (Old Dutch)

-inc (Middle Dutch)

-ing, -ink (Dutch)

*-ing (Proto-West Germanic)

-ing (Old English)

-ing, -yng (Middle English)

-ing (English)

-ing, -in, -een (Scots)

*-ing (Proto-West Germanic)

-ing (Old Frisian)

-ing (Saterland Frisian)

-ing (West Frisian)

*-ing (Proto-West Germanic)

-ing (Old High German)

-inc (Middle High German)

-ing (German)

*-ing (Proto-West Germanic)

-ing (Old Saxon)

-inc (Middle Low German)

-ing (Low German)

-ingr (Old Norse)

-ing (Danish)

-ingur (Faroese)

-ingur (Icelandic)

-ing (Norwegian Bokmål)

-ing (Norwegian Nynorsk)

-ingr (Old Norse)

-inger (Old Swedish)

-ing, -ling (Swedish)

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