

***-iskaz** Runic: | ʒ < ʒ ʒ Pronunciation: /is.kaz/

adjective · a-stem

Function

forms adjectives from nouns with the sense characteristic of X; pertaining to X

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **-iskos*. (Brugmann 1892: §90) notes the standard consensus, that the origin of the suffix was **-is-ko-s*, where the **-is-* possibly represents a fossilized form (perhaps from an *s*-stem or comparative ending) + **-ko-s*, the common PIE adjective-forming suffix (cf. the PIE superlative formation in **-is-to-*). Kluge (1899: §§209–210) considers this to be from PIE **-sko-* with the **-i-* being an intermediate/linking vowel. Cognates are Proto-Balto-Slavic **-iškas* (though Brugmann (1892: §90) notes this may be a borrowing from Germanic) and Ancient Greek *-ισκος* (*-iskos*), which only forms diminutives.

Declension

Strong declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	-iskaz	-iskō	-iskā, -atō	-iskai	-iskōz	-iskō
Acc.	-iskanō	-iskō	-iskā, -atō	-iskanz	-iskōz	-iskō
Gen.	-iskas, -iskis	-iskaizōz	-iskas, -iskis	-iskaizō	-iskaizō	-iskaizō
Dat.	-iskammai	-iskaizōi	-iskammai	-iskaimaz	-iskaimaz	-iskaimaz
Inst.	-iskanō	-iskaizō	-iskanō	-iskaimiz	-iskaimiz	-iskaimiz

Weak declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	-iskô	-iskō	-iskô	-iskaniz	-iskōniz	-iskōnō
Acc.	-iskanu	-iskōnu	-iskô	-iskanunz	-iskōnunz	-iskōnō
Gen.	-iskiniz	-iskōniz	-iskiniz	-iskanô	-iskōnô	-iskanô
Dat.	-iskini	-iskōni	-iskini	-iskammaz	-iskōmaz	-iskammaz
Inst.	-iskinë	-iskōnê	-iskinë	-iskammiz	-iskōmiz	-iskammiz

Descendants

*-isk (Proto-West Germanic)

- *-isk, *-sk (Old Dutch)
 - sc, -sch (Middle Dutch)
 - s (Dutch)

*-isk (Proto-West Germanic)

- isc̥, -ys̥c̥ (Old English)
 - ish, -isch (Middle English)
 - ish (English)
 - is (Scots)

*-isk (Proto-West Germanic)

- isk (Old Frisian)
 - sk, -isk (Saterland Frisian)
 - sk (West Frisian)

*-isk (Proto-West Germanic)

- isc (Old High German)
 - isch (Middle High German)
 - װײַז (-ish) (Yiddish)

*-isk (Proto-West Germanic)

- isc (Old High German)
 - isch (Middle High German)
 - esch (Luxembourgish)

*-isk (Proto-West Germanic)

- isc (Old High German)
 - isch (Middle High German)
 - isch (German)
 - isch (Dutch)
 - ies (Afrikaans)

*-isk (Proto-West Germanic)

- isk, -isc (Old Saxon)
 - isch (Low German)
 - isch (Plautdietsch)

-iskr, -skr (Old Norse)

- sk, -isk (Danish)
 - skur, -iskur (Faroese)
 - skur, -iskur (Icelandic)
 - sk, -isk (Norwegian Bokmål)
 - sk, -isk (Norwegian Nynorsk)
 - sk, -isk (Swedish)

-isks (-isks) (Gothic)

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