

***-isōnā** Runic: | ṣ ṣ | ṭ ṭ Pronunciation: /i.sɔ:.nã/

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Function

forms Weak class 2 verbs from adjectives and nouns, typically meaning ‘to be, become, make, treat as, or act in relation to X’

Etymology

From Proto-Germanic **-is-* + **-ōnā*. The first element is an old nominal or adjectival **-is-* extension, comparable to the **-is-* seen in PGmc **-iskaz* < (PIE **-iskos*), while the second element is the regular Weak class 2 denominative verb suffix **-ōnā*, itself from pre-Germanic **-eh₂-yé/ó-* from noun bases ending in **-eh₂*. The suffix is a secondary PGmc resegmentation: verbs of the type **X-is-ōnā*, originally formed to **-is-* stems, were reanalyzed as **X-* + **-isōnā*. It is a parallel development to PGmc **-inōnā*, which was similarly extracted from Weak class 2 verbs based on nouns ending in **-in-* or **-īn-* (Krahe & Meid 1969: 255–56; Ringe 2017: 200).

Paradigm

Present active

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive	Imperative
1st singular	-isō	-isō̇	—
2nd singular	-isōsi	-isōs	-isō
3rd singular	-isōpi	-isō	-isōpau
1st dual	-isōs	-isōw	—
2nd dual	-isōpiz	-isōpiz	-isōpiz
1st plural	-isōmaz	-isōm	—
2nd plural	-isōp	-isōp	-isōp
3rd plural	-isōnpi	-isōn	-isōnpau

Present passive

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	-isōi	—
2nd singular	-isōsai	-isōsau
3rd singular	-isōpai	-isōpau
1st dual	—	—
2nd dual	—	—
1st plural	-isōnpai	-isōnpau
2nd plural	-isōnpai	-isōnpau
3rd plural	-isōnpai	-isōnpau

Past

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	-isōdō	-isōdēdī
2nd singular	-isōdēz	-isōdēdīz
3rd singular	-isōdē	-isōdēdī
1st dual	-isōdēdū	-isōdēdīw
2nd dual	-isōdēdudiz	-isōdēdīdiz
1st plural	-isōdēdum	-isōdēdīm
2nd plural	-isōdēdud	-isōdēdīd
3rd plural	-isōdēdun	-isōdēdīn

Non-finite Forms

Infinitive	Present Participle	Past Participle
-isōnā	-isōndz	-isōdaz

Descendants

*-isōn (Proto-West Germanic)

-son (Old Dutch)

-sen (Middle Low German)

-zen (Dutch)

*-isōn (Proto-West Germanic)

-sian (Old English)

-sen (Middle English)

-se, -ce (English)

*-isōn (Proto-West Germanic)

-sia, -zia (Old Frisian)

-zgje (West Frisian)

*-isōn (Proto-West Germanic)

-isōn (Old High German)

-esen, -sen (Middle High German)

-sen (German)

***-isōn** (Proto-West Germanic)

-isōn (Old Saxon)

-sen (Middle Low German)

-sa (Old Norse)

-sa (Icelandic)

-sa (Faroese)

-se (Norwegian)

-sa (Swedish)

-se (Danish)

-isqn (-isōn) (Gothic)

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Related Words

Words mentioned in this entry

***-inōnā** suffix ***-iskaz** adjective ***-ōnā** suffix

Entries that mention this word

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