

***-iþō** Runic: | þ ǫ Pronunciation: /i.θɔ:/

suffix · forms nouns · feminine · ō-stem

Function

-ness, -th, -ity; forms feminine abstract nouns, chiefly from adjectives, denoting a quality, state, or condition

Etymology

This suffix is from Late Proto-Indo-European **-é-teh₂*, an abstract-noun suffix used especially with adjectives, from the dental abstract suffix **-teh₂*. Compare Sanskrit नग्नता (*nagn-átā*) with *-átā* reflecting the same **-é-teh₂*-type. The suffix remained productive in Proto-Germanic and competed with the Germanic innovation **-ī-* (Ringe 2017: 149, 326).

Paradigm

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	-iþō	-iþōz
Acc.	-iþō	-iþōz
Gen.	-iþōz	-iþō
Dat.	-iþōi	-iþōmaz
Inst.	-iþō	-iþōmiz
Voc.	-iþō	-iþōz

Descendants

*-īþu (Proto-West Germanic)

-itha (Old Dutch)

-ede, -de, -te (Middle Dutch)

-te, -de (Dutch)

*-īþu (Proto-West Germanic)

-þ, -þu, -þo, -t, -to (Old English)

-the, -ðe, -ðhe, -eth, -ethe, -ith, -ithe, -th, -þ, -þe, -yth, -t, -te (Middle English)

-th, -t (English)

-th, -t (Scots)

*-īþu (Proto-West Germanic)

-ithe, -te (Old Frisian)

-te (Saterland Frisian)

-te (West Frisian)

*-īþu (Proto-West Germanic)

-ida (Old High German)

-ede (Middle High German)

-de (German)

-t (Luxembourgish)

*-īþu (Proto-West Germanic)

-itha (Old Saxon)

-ede, -de, -te (Middle Low German)

-te (German)

-de, -te (Low German)

-ð, -d, -t (Old Norse)

-de (Danish)

-d (Faroese)

-ð, -d, -t (Icelandic)

-de, -d (Norwegian)

-d (Swedish)

-𐌿𐌱𐌰 (-īþa), -𐌿𐌰𐌶 (-ida) (Gothic)

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