

# \*kwikwaz

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Pronunciation: /'kwi.kwaz/

adjective · a-stem

## Meanings

1. alive
2. lively, quick

## Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European *\*g<sup>w</sup>ih<sub>3</sub>wós* ('alive').

This word has been supposed to be an example of an  $h_3w > g^w > kw$  shift termed Cowgill's Law (see there for more). However, Kroonen, Steer, and Kölligan give their own alternative explanations without invoking such a sound law:

## Declension

## Strong declension

| Case  | Sg. Masc.    | Sg. Fem.   | Sg. Neut.    | Pl. Masc.  | Pl. Fem.   | Pl. Neut.  |
|-------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Nom.  | kwikwaz      | kwikwō     | kwikwā, -atō | kwikwai    | kwikwōz    | kwikwō     |
| Acc.  | kwikwanō     | kwikwō     | kwikwā, -atō | kwikwanz   | kwikwōz    | kwikwō     |
| Gen.  | kwikwas, -is | kwikwaizōz | kwikwas, -is | kwikwaizô  | kwikwaizô  | kwikwaizô  |
| Dat.  | kwikwammai   | kwikwaizōi | kwikwammai   | kwikwaimaz | kwikwaimaz | kwikwaimaz |
| Inst. | kwikwanō     | kwikwaizō  | kwikwanō     | kwikwaimiz | kwikwaimiz | kwikwaimiz |

Weak declension

| Case  | Sg. Masc. | Sg. Fem.  | Sg. Neut. | Pl. Masc.  | Pl. Fem.   | Pl. Neut.  |
|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| Nom.  | kwikwô    | kwikwō    | kwikwô    | kwikwaniz  | kwikwōniz  | kwikwōnō   |
| Acc.  | kwikwanȳ  | kwikwōnȳ  | kwikwô    | kwikwanunz | kwikwōnunz | kwikwōnō   |
| Gen.  | kwikwiniz | kwikwōniz | kwikwiniz | kwikwanġ   | kwikwōnġ   | kwikwanġ   |
| Dat.  | kwikwini  | kwikwōni  | kwikwini  | kwikwammaz | kwikwōmaz  | kwikwammaz |
| Inst. | kwikwinē  | kwikwōnē  | kwikwinē  | kwikwammiz | kwikwōmiz  | kwikwammiz |

Descendants

\*kwiku (Proto-West Germanic)

    quic (Old Dutch)

        quic (Middle Dutch)

            kwik, kwiek (Dutch)

\*kwiku (Proto-West Germanic)

    cwic, cuc, cucu, cwicu, cwuc, cwucu (Old English)

        quyk, quic, quicke, quik, quike, quikke, quycke, quyke, quykke, quicke, qwik,  
        qwyck, qwyk, qwyke, cwic, cwich, cwick, cwuc, qwhyke, weke, whik, whike, whikk,  
        whyk, whyke, whykke (Middle English)

            quick, queek (Scots)

\*kwiku (Proto-West Germanic)

    cwic, cuc, cucu, cwicu, cwuc, cwucu (Old English)

        quyk, quic, quicke, quik, quike, quikke, quycke, quyke, quykke, quicke, qwik,  
        qwyck, qwyk, qwyke, cwic, cwich, cwick, cwuc, qwhyke, weke, whik, whike, whikk,  
        whyk, whyke, whykke (Middle English)

            quick (English)

                quik (Ido)

\*kwiku (Proto-West Germanic)

    quik (Old Frisian)

        quick, queck (North Frisian)

        kwik (Saterland Frisian)

        kwik, kwyk (West Frisian)

\*kwiku (Proto-West Germanic)

**quic, quec, chëch** (Old High German)

**quëc, këc** (Middle High German)

**keck, qu-** (German)

**kæk** (Danish)

**kek** (Dutch)

**kjekk** (Norwegian)

**käck** (Swedish)

**\*kwiku** (Proto-West Germanic)

**quik** (Old Saxon)

**\*quik, quikpenninc, quikstërt, quiksilver** (Middle Low German)

**quick** (German)

**quick** (German Low German)

**kvikr** (Old Norse)

**kvik** (Danish)

**kvikur, kykur** (Faroese)

**kvikur** (Icelandic)

**kvikr** (Old Norse)

**?** (Norwegian)

**kvikk** (Norwegian Bokmål)

**kvik, kvikk** (Norwegian Nynorsk)

**kvikr** (Old Norse)

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**kvick** (Swedish)

**uins (qius)** (Gothic)

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