

***-līkaz** Runic: ᚦ | | < ᚦ | ȝ Pronunciation: /li:.kaz/

adjective · a-stem

Function

Modern English “-like, -ly”; forms adjectives from nouns and adjectives with the sense of 'similar to, characteristic of'

Etymology

From pre-Germanic **leyg-o-s*, from Proto-Indo-European root **leyg-*. The suffixal use developed within Germanic from its use as a second constituent in compounds. In the traditional analysis, **-līkaz* was mediated through Proto-Germanic **līkq*, so that compounds originally meant ‘having the body/form of X’ or ‘of X-kind’ (Krahe & Meid 1969: 219, 226–27). Fulk (2018: 203 n. 7, 238), however, argues that it is simpler to regard **-līkaz* as adjectival from the start.

Declension

Strong declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	-līkaz	-līkō	-līka, -atō	-līkai	-līkōz	-līkō
Acc.	-līkanō	-līkō	-līka, -atō	-līkanz	-līkōz	-līkō
Gen.	-līkas, -līkis	-līkaizōz	-līkas, -līkis	-līkaizō	-līkaizō	-līkaizō
Dat.	-līkammai	-līkaizōi	-līkammai	-līkaimaz	-līkaimaz	-līkaimaz
Inst.	-līkanō	-līkaizō	-līkanō	-līkaimiz	-līkaimiz	-līkaimiz

Weak declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	-līkô	-līkō	-līkô	-līkaniz	-līkōniz	-līkōnō
Acc.	-līkanu	-līkōnu	-līkô	-līkanunz	-līkōnunz	-līkōnō
Gen.	-līkiniz	-līkōniz	-līkiniz	-līkanô	-līkōnô	-līkanô
Dat.	-līkini	-līkōni	-līkini	-līkammaz	-līkōmaz	-līkammaz
Inst.	-līkinē	-līkōnē	-līkinē	-līkammiz	-līkōmiz	-līkammiz

Descendants

*-līk (Proto-West Germanic)

- līk (Old Dutch)
 - lijc (Middle Dutch)
 - lijk (Dutch)
 - lik (Afrikaans)
 - lik, -lek, -láik (Jersey Dutch)

*-līk (Proto-West Germanic)

- liċ, -lēc, -līh, -lī (Old English)
 - ly, -li, -lych, -lich, -lik, -lig (Middle English)
 - ly (English)
 - lie (Scots)

*-līk (Proto-West Germanic)

- līk (Old Frisian)
 - elk (Saterland Frisian)
 - lyk (West Frisian)

*-līk (Proto-West Germanic)

- līh (Old High German)
 - lich (Middle High German)
 - lich (German)
 - lech (Luxembourgish)
 - לֵעַךְ (-lekh) (Yiddish)

*-līk (Proto-West Germanic)

- līk (Old Saxon)

-līk, -lik, -lick (Middle Low German)

-lich, -lig, -lik, -lick, -li, -elk (Low German)

-lich (Plautdietsch)

-ligr, -líkr (Old Norse)

-ligur (Faroese)

-legur (Icelandic)

-ligr, -líkr (Old Norse)

-lig (Old Danish)

-lig (Danish)

-lig (Norwegian Bokmål)

-ligr, -líkr (Old Norse)

-líker (Old Swedish)

-lig (Swedish)

-𐌷eiks (-leiks) (Gothic)

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Words mentioned in this entry

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