

***marþuz** Runic: ᚠᚦᚱᚱᚢᚾᚢ Pronunciation: /'mar.θuz/

noun · masculine · u-stem

Meanings

marten

Etymology

Unknown. The original meaning could have been "bride," which could be related to Latin *mas* ('male bride'), Lithuanian *marti* ('daughter-in-law'), and possibly Crimean Gothic *marzu* ('marriage'). For similar semantic development, compare Greek νυφίτσα (*nyfítsa*, 'weasel'), from a diminutive of νύφη (*nýfi*, 'bride'); Italian *donnola* ('weasel'), from a diminutive of *donna* ('woman'); and Spanish *comadreja* ('weasel'), from a deprecativ diminutive of Spanish *comadre* ('mother of one's godchild'). Or, possibly of substrate origin.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	marþuz	marþiwiz
Acc.	marþu	marþunz
Gen.	marþauz	marþiwô
Dat.	marþiwi	marþumaz
Inst.	marþū	marþumiz
Voc.	marþu	marþiwiz

Descendants

***marþ** (Proto-West Germanic)
| **martes** (Medieval Latin)
| **mearþ, mearth, mærp, merþ** (Old English)

***marþ** (Proto-West Germanic)
| ***mard** (Old Dutch)
| | **mārt** (Middle Dutch)

***marþ** (Proto-West Germanic)
| ***merth** (Old Frisian)
| | **murd** (West Frisian)

***marþ** (Proto-West Germanic)
| ***mard** (Old High German)
| | **mard** (Middle High German)

***marþ** (Proto-West Germanic)
| ***marth** (Old Saxon)
| | **mārt, mārte** (Middle Low German)

mǫrðr (Old Norse)
| **mørður** (Faroese)
| **mörður** (Icelandic)
| **mord, mår, mard** (Norwegian Nynorsk)

mǫrðr (Old Norse)
| **mår** (Danish)
| | **mår** (Norwegian Bokmål)

mǫrðr (Old Norse)
| **mārþer** (Old Swedish)
| | **mård** (Swedish)

***mārttë** (Proto-Samic)

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