

***maþô** Runic: ᚠ ᚦ ᚦ ᚦ Pronunciation: /'ma.θɔː/

noun · masculine · an-stem

Meanings

1. maggot, worm
2. moth

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **mat-én* ~ **mat-nés*, from **mat-* (‘insect, worm, maggot’), possibly borrowed from a substrate language. Compare Proto-Slavic **motylъ* (‘butterfly’), Sanskrit मत्कुण (*matkuṇa*) (matkuṇa, ‘bug’). Possibly also related to Proto-Finnic **mato* (‘worm’) (akin to Proto-Samic **muocē*), in which case it would be a borrowing in either direction (although seeing as the Finnic term has a convincing Indo-Iranian etymology, a borrowing from Finnic into Germanic appears more likely).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	maþô	maþaniz
Acc.	maþanų	muttunz
Gen.	muttaz	muttô
Dat.	madini	madummaz
Inst.	muttē	madummiz
Voc.	maþô	maþaniz

Descendants

***maþō** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***matho** (Old Dutch)

māde (Middle Dutch)

made (Dutch)

***maþō** (Proto-West Germanic)

maþa (Old English)

mathe (Middle English)

mad, made (English)

mathe, maith, maithe, meath, meith (Scots)

***maþō** (Proto-West Germanic)

mado (Old High German)

made (Middle High German)

Made (German)

Mued (Luxembourgish)

***maþō** (Proto-West Germanic)

matho (Old Saxon)

made (Middle Low German)

***moþþā** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***moththa** (Old Dutch)

motte (Middle Dutch)

mot (Dutch)

mot (Negerhollands)

mot (Papiamentu)

***moþþā** (Proto-West Germanic)

moþþe (Old English)

mothe (Middle English)

moth (English)

moch (Scots)

***moþþā** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***motta** (Old Saxon)

motte (Middle Low German)

Motte (German)

Mutten, Motten (Low German)

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