

***merkuz** Runic:  Pronunciation: /'mer.kuz/

adjective · u-stem

Meanings

dark

Etymology

From earlier *merkwuz, from Proto-Indo-European **(h₂)mer(H)g^w*- ('dark'), cognate to Proto-Slavic **mergъ* ('brown'). Orr summarizes arguments for borrowing from common Slavic into common Germanic. In any case, related to Proto-Slavic **morkъ* ('darkness').

Declension

Strong declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	merkuz	mirkwī	merkų, -ijatō	mirkwijai	mirkwijōz	mirkwijō
Acc.	mirkwijanō	mirkwijō	merkų, -ijatō	mirkwijanz	mirkwijōz	mirkwijō
Gen.	mirkwijas, -īs	mirkwijaizōz	mirkwijas, -īs	mirkwijaizō	mirkwijaizō	mirkwijaizō
Dat.	mirkwijammai	mirkwijaizōi	mirkwijammai	mirkwijaimaz	mirkwijaimaz	mirkwijaima
Inst.	mirkwijanō	mirkwijaizō	mirkwijanō	mirkwijaimiz	mirkwijaimiz	mirkwijaimi

Weak declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	mirkwijô	mirkwijō	mirkwijô	mirkwijaniz	mirkwijōniz	mirkwijōnō
Acc.	mirkwijanų	mirkwijōnuų	mirkwijô	mirkwijanunz	mirkwijōnunz	mirkwijōnō
Gen.	mirkwīniz	mirkwijōniz	mirkwīniz	mirkwijanô	mirkwijōnô	mirkwijanô
Dat.	mirkwīni	mirkwijōni	mirkwīni	mirkwijammaz	mirkwijōmaz	mirkwijammaz
Inst.	mirkwīnē	mirkwijōnē	mirkwīnē	mirkwijammiz	mirkwijōmiz	mirkwijammiz

Descendants

***mirkwī** (Proto-West Germanic)

mirki (Old Saxon)

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mirce, mierce (Old English)

mirke, merke (Middle English)

mirk, murk (English)

mirk, merk, mark (Scots)

myrkr (Old Norse)

mørk (Danish)

myrkur (Faroese)

myrkur (Icelandic)

mørk (Norwegian Bokmål)

myrk, mørk (Norwegian Nynorsk)

mörk (Swedish)

***mürkkü** (Proto-Finnic)

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