

***nasō** Runic: 𐌺𐌽𐌰𐌶 Pronunciation: /'na.sɔ:/

noun · feminine · ō-stem

Meanings

nose

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **néh₂s* ('nose'). Compare Latin *nāsus*.

May, in Proto-Germanic, have been a plurale tantum, whose nominative ending **-ō* goes back to the Proto-Indo-European thematic nominative dual ending **-oh₁*, while the other cases displayed consonant-stem plural endings *-ō*, *-miz*, *-unz*. This presupposes a Proto-Germanic consonant stem **nas-* ('nostril').

Griepentrog prefers to reconstruct, following Rasmussen, the original Proto-Indo-European paradigm as an acrostratic paradigm with rare ablaut *a ~ ā*: nom. sg. **Hnās-s*, acc. sg. **Hnās-m̥*, gen. sg. **Hnās-s* (> **Hnās-os*), dat. sg. **Hnās-ey*, nom. du. **Hnās-h₁*, nom. pl. **Hnās-es*, acc. pl. **Hnās-m̥s*.

Griepentrog also considers the zero-grade form **nus-* instead of ***uns-* regular, adducing parallels. Forms in **nus-* may be additionally analogically influenced by a Proto-Indo-European *verb* **news-* ('to sniff').

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	nasō	nasôz
Acc.	nasō	nasōz
Gen.	nasōz	nasō
Dat.	nasōi	nasōmaz
Inst.	nasō	nasōmiz
Voc.	nasō	nasôz

Descendants

*nasu (Proto-West Germanic)

 nasa (Old Dutch)

 nase (Middle Dutch)

 naas, naze (Dutch)

 naas (Limburgish)

*nasu (Proto-West Germanic)

 nasu, naso (Old English)

 nase, nasse, nease (Middle English)

*nasu (Proto-West Germanic)

 *nase (Old Frisian)

 naas (North Frisian)

*nasu (Proto-West Germanic)

 nasa (Old High German)

 nase (Middle High German)

 Nosn (Bavarian)

 Nous (East Franconian)

 Nase (German)

 nōs, nōz (Vilamovian)

 װױז (noz) (Yiddish)

*nasu (Proto-West Germanic)

 nasa (Old High German)

nase (Middle High German)

Nase, Naase (Alemannic German)

Nas (Swabian)

***nasu** (Proto-West Germanic)

nasa (Old High German)

nase (Middle High German)

Nas, Noas, Nos (Central Franconian)

Naas (Hunsrik)

Nues (Luxembourgish)

***nasu** (Proto-West Germanic)

nasa (Old High German)

nase (Middle High German)

Noos (Rhine Franconian)

Naas (Pennsylvania German)

***nasu** (Proto-West Germanic)

***nasa** (Old Saxon)

nase (Middle Low German)

Nase (German Low German)

nqs (Old Norse)

nøs (Faroese)

nos (Gutnish)

nös (Icelandic)

(dialectal) nøs, nåss, nåså, næsa, nasa, nasa, nase (Norwegian)

nese (Norwegian Bokmål)

nqs (Old Norse)

nos, nase (Norwegian Nynorsk)

nos, nase (Norwegian Bokmål)

nqs (Old Norse)

næsæ (Old Danish)

næse (Danish)

nqs (Old Norse)

nos, næsa (Old Swedish)

nos, näsa (Swedish)

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