

***nestą**¹ Runic: ᚢᚩᚱᚱᚰᚩᚱᚰᚩᚱᚰ Pronunciation: /'nes.tã/
noun · neuter · a-stem

Meanings

nest

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **nisdós* (‘seat’) with a change to the neuter gender.

The vocalism e < i (apparently from a-mutation) uncommonly prevails in most descendants, including the oldest stages (matched only by **weraz*). Forms with i are attested in Middle English and Middle High German, however. These may be either old variants or analogical formations after West Germanic **nistijan* (‘to nest’), **ganistī* (collective).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	nestą	nestō
Acc.	nestą	nestō
Gen.	nestas, nestis	nestô
Dat.	nestai	nestamaz
Inst.	nestō	nestamiz
Voc.	nestą	nestō

Descendants

***nest** (Proto-West Germanic)

nest (Old Dutch)

nest (Middle Dutch)

ès (Limburgish)

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nest (Dutch)

nes (Afrikaans)

nest, nes (Negerhollands)

nèshi, nèishi, nesji (Papiamentu)

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nest, neste, nist, nyst, neest (Middle English)

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nest (Scots)

naesth (Yola)

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Nest (Bavarian)

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Ness, Nest, Nöss, Nöst, Nost (Central Franconian)

Nist (Hunsrik)

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Nest, Nescht, Nischt (Rhine Franconian)

Nescht (Pennsylvania German)

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Nest (German Low German)

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