

***-raz** Runic: 𐌺𐌹𐌿 Pronunciation: /raz/

suffix · forms adjectives · a-stem

Function

forms mostly lexicalized adjectives from roots, especially inherited Caland-system roots, usually with the root in zero grade

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **-ró-s*, a thematic adjective suffix. In the PIE Caland system, **-ró-* formed root adjectives, typically with zero-grade roots, and stood beside related adjective deriving formations (Ringe 2017: 75–76; Meier-Brügger 2003: 288–90). Ringe (2017: 326) notes that, in Proto-Germanic, the Caland system mostly survives only in lexical relics. Compare Proto-Italic **-ros* and Ancient Greek *-ρός* (*-rós*), with similar adjectival derivation functionality.

Paradigm

Strong declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	-raz	-rō	-ra, -atō	-rai	-rōz	-rō
Acc.	-ranq̃	-rq̃	-ra, -atō	-ranz	-rōz	-rō
Gen.	-ras, -ris	-raizōz	-ras, -ris	-raizô	-raizô	-raizô
Dat.	-rammai	-raizōi	-rammai	-raimaz	-raimaz	-raimaz
Inst.	-ranō	-raizō	-ranō	-raimiz	-raimiz	-raimiz

Weak declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	-rô	-rġ	-rô	-raniz	-rōniz	-rōnō
Acc.	-ranų	-rōnu	-rô	-ranunz	-rōnunz	-rōnō
Gen.	-riniz	-rōniz	-riniz	-ranġ	-rōnġ	-ranġ
Dat.	-rini	-rōni	-rini	-rammaz	-rōmaz	-rammaz
Inst.	-rinē	-rōnē	-rinē	-rammiz	-rōmiz	-rammiz

Descendants

*-r (Proto-West Germanic)

-or, -er (Old English)

-ar (Old High German)

-ar (Old Saxon)

-r (Old Norse)

-ur (Faroese)

-ur (Icelandic)

-r, -er (Middle Norwegian)

-er (Old Swedish)

-rs (-rs) (Gothic)

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