

***-samaz** Runic: ᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱ Pronunciation: /sa.maz/

suffix · forms adjectives · a-stem

Function

forms adjectives, especially from nouns and abstract nouns, meaning ‘having the character of X, characterized by X, disposed to X, causing X, X-like’; equivalent in many uses to English “-some”

Etymology

From Proto-Germanic determiner **samaz*, used as the second constituent of compounds, grammaticalized as an adjective-forming suffix early on (Ringe 2017: 327). Ultimately from Proto-Indo-European **somHós*, an o-grade derivative of **sem-* (Kroonen 2013: 425). Cognate with Old Church Slavonic *самъ* (*samŭ*), Proto-Celtic **somos*, Ancient Greek *ὁμός* (*homós*), and Sanskrit *सम* (*samá*).

Paradigm

Strong declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	-samaz	-samō	-samaꝥ, -atō	-samai	-samōz	-samō
Acc.	-samanō	-samō	-samaꝥ, -atō	-samanz	-samōz	-samō
Gen.	-samaz, -samis	-samaizōz	-samaz, -samis	-samaizō	-samaizō	-samaizō
Dat.	-samammai	-samaizōi	-samammai	-samaimaz	-samaimaz	-samaimaz
Inst.	-samanō	-samaizō	-samanō	-samaimiz	-samaimiz	-samaimiz

Weak declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	-samô	-samō	-samô	-samaniz	-samōniz	-samōnō
Acc.	-samanų	-samōnu	-samô	-samanunz	-samōnunz	-samōnō
Gen.	-saminiz	-samōniz	-saminiz	-samanô	-samōnô	-samanô
Dat.	-samini	-samōni	-samini	-samammaz	-samōmaz	-samammaz
Inst.	-saminē	-samōnē	-saminē	-samammiz	-samōmiz	-samammiz

Descendants

*-sam (Proto-West Germanic)

-sam (Old Dutch)

-sam (Middle Dutch)

-zaam (Dutch)

*-sam (Proto-West Germanic)

-sum (Old English)

-som, -soum, -sum, -some, -somme, -summ (Middle English)

-some (English)

*-sam (Proto-West Germanic)

-sum (Old English)

-som, -soum, -sum, -some, -somme, -summ (Middle English)

-sum (Middle Scots)

-some (Scots)

*-sam (Proto-West Germanic)

-sum, -sam (Old Frisian)

-soam (Saterland Frisian)

-sum (West Frisian)

*-sam (Proto-West Germanic)

-sam (Old High German)

-sam (Middle High German)

-sam (German)

*-sam (Proto-West Germanic)

-sam (Old Saxon)

-sam (Middle Low German)

-saam (Low German)

-samr (Old Norse)

-som (Danish)

-samur (Faroese)

-samur (Icelandic)

-som (Norwegian)

-sam (Swedish)

-𐍃𐌿𐌺𐌰 (-sams) (Gothic)

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