

***skalkaz** Runic: ᚱ ᚰ ᚦ ᚱ ᚰ ᚦ ᚱ Pronunciation: /'skal.kaz/

noun · masculine · a-stem

Meanings

servant

Etymology

Of unknown origin, though the primary meaning of the root underlying the term may have been along the lines of "wry, wrong". Orel prefers connecting the word to Proto-Slavic **xolkъ* ('bachelor') and **xolpъ* ('brat; serf'), reconstructing the shared root as a Proto-Indo-European **skel-*; he appears to favor equating this reconstruction with **(s)kelH-* ('to cut'), taking the semantic development as "cut" > "maimed" > "servant".

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	skalkaz	skalkōz, skalkōs
Acc.	skalką	skalkanz
Gen.	skalkas, skalkis	skalkô
Dat.	skalkai	skalkamaz
Inst.	skalkō	skalkamiz
Voc.	skalk	skalkōz, skalkōs

Descendants

***skalk** (Proto-West Germanic)

scalco (Italian)

***skalk** (Proto-West Germanic)

scale (Old Dutch)

scale (Middle Dutch)

schalk, maarschalk (Dutch)

***skalk** (Proto-West Germanic)

scealc (Old English)

schalk, scalk, schalke, schalkke, shalk (Middle English)

shalk (English)

schalk, schak, schaik (Middle Scots)

***skalk** (Proto-West Germanic)

skalk (Old Frisian)

ontschalken (West Frisian)

***skalk** (Proto-West Germanic)

skalk, scale, scalk, scalh, scalch (Old High German)

scalco (Italian)

***skalk** (Proto-West Germanic)

skalk, scale, scalk, scalh, scalch (Old High German)

schalc (Middle High German)

Schalk (German)

Schallek (Luxembourgish)

***skalk** (Proto-West Germanic)

skalk (Old Saxon)

schalk (Middle Low German)

***skalk** (Proto-West Germanic)

scalculus (Vulgar Latin)

scalcius, scalciatus (Medieval Latin)

escalque (Old French)

skalkr (Old Norse)

skalk (Danish)

skáلكur (Faroese)

skáلكur (Icelandic)

skalk (Norwegian)

skalkr (Old Norse)

skalker (Old Swedish)

skalk (Swedish)

skálkr (Old Norse)

skalk (Danish)

skáلكur (Faroese)

skáلكur (Icelandic)

skalk (Norwegian)

skálkr (Old Norse)

skalker (Old Swedish)

skalk (Swedish)

skalks (skalks) (Gothic)

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