

***slaiwaz** Runic: ᚱᚠᚠᚠᚱᚱᚱ Pronunciation: /'slaj.waz/

adjective · a-stem

Meanings

1. blunt; dull
2. exhausted; weary; faint; weak; sluggish
3. listless; torpid
4. dim-witted; slow
5. slack; lazy

Etymology

Uncertain. Expected to reflect either pre-Germanic *sloy(H)-wo-s or *slo/aH-i-wo-s. Kroonen prefers the former, tentatively comparing Sanskrit स्त्रीव्यति (*srīvyati*) (*srīvyati*, ‘to turn out badly, fail’) for Proto-Indo-European *sliH-u-. For the latter, compare Ancient Greek लाίος (*laiós*, ‘left (side); awkward’), Latin laevus, Proto-Slavic **lěvъ* (‘left’) (originally meaning *‘askew’?), but the semantic connection is weak. Kroonen rejects this along with any relation to Ancient Greek λῆαρος (*líaros*) (*líaros*, ‘mild’).

Declension

Strong declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	slaiwaz	slaiwō	slaiwā, -atō	slaiwai	slaiwōz	slaiwō
Acc.	slaiwanō	slaiwō	slaiwā, -atō	slaiwanz	slaiwōz	slaiwō
Gen.	slaiwas, -is	slaiwaizōz	slaiwas, -is	slaiwaizō	slaiwaizō	slaiwaizō
Dat.	slaiwammai	slaiwaizōi	slaiwammai	slaiwaimaz	slaiwaimaz	slaiwaimaz
Inst.	slaiwanō	slaiwaizō	slaiwanō	slaiwaimiz	slaiwaimiz	slaiwaimiz

Weak declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	slaiwō	slaiwō	slaiwō	slaiwaniz	slaiwōniz	slaiwōnō
Acc.	slaiwanū	slaiwōnū	slaiwō	slaiwanunz	slaiwōnunz	slaiwōnō
Gen.	slaiwiniz	slaiwōniz	slaiwiniz	slaiwanō	slaiwōnō	slaiwanō
Dat.	slaiwini	slaiwōni	slaiwini	slaiwammaz	slaiwōmaz	slaiwammaz
Inst.	slaiwinē	slaiwōnē	slaiwinē	slaiwammiz	slaiwōmiz	slaiwammiz

Descendants

*slaiw (Proto-West Germanic)

 *slēw (Old Dutch)

 sleew, sleeu, slee (Middle Dutch)

 sleeuw, sleet (Dutch)

*slaiw (Proto-West Germanic)

 slāw, slǣw, slēaw (Old English)

 slaw, slow (Middle English)

 slow (English)

 slaw (Geordie)

slaw (Scots)

***slaiw** (Proto-West Germanic)

***slāw**, ***slāu** (Old Frisian)

slāi (Saterland Frisian)

sleau (West Frisian)

***slaiw** (Proto-West Germanic)

slēo (Old High German)

slē (Middle High German)

schlehe, **schleh**, **schlēch**, **schlō** (German)

schlēw (Swabian)

***slaiw** (Proto-West Germanic)

***slēw**, **slēu** (Old Saxon)

sleu, **slē** (Middle Low German)

slee (Dutch Low Saxon)

***slaiw** (Proto-West Germanic)

***slēw**, **slēu** (Old Saxon)

sleu, **slē** (Middle Low German)

? (Westphalian)

schlee (Westmünsterländisch)

sljór (Old Norse)

sljór, **sljár**, **slær** (Icelandic)

sljo, **slø** (Norwegian Nynorsk)

sljór (Old Norse)

slið (Old Danish)

sløv (Danish)

sløv (Norwegian Bokmål)

sljór (Old Norse)

sliðr (Old Swedish)

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