

***smīpaz** Runic: ᚱᚲᚲᚱᚱᚱ Pronunciation: /'smi.θaz/

noun · masculine · a-stem

Meanings

craftsman, smith

Etymology

Likely related to *smitana, *smit(t)ōna ('to strike; to smudge'), but the origin is uncertain. Possibly from Proto-Indo-European **smey-* ('to smear, spread') + **-t-*, if the root is cognate with Ancient Greek *σμάω (smáō)* (smáō, 'to smear, wipe'), but this comes with formal difficulties and the similarity may well be coincidental. For the semantics, Orel compares Proto-Slavic **kaliti* ('to temper (of metals)') versus **kalъ* ('dirt')—though their connection is also disputed—and assumes an intermediate meaning "to dip [metal] into liquid". Per Kroonen, the suffix may be an agentive *-tu-* stem (see Proto-Indo-European **-tus* and Proto-Germanic **-þuz*), but no further etymology is given, and the traditional connection with Ancient Greek *σμίλη (smílē)* (smílē, 'knife, chisel') is formally problematic.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	smīpaz	smīpōz, smīpōs
Acc.	smīpa	smīpanz
Gen.	smīpas, smīpis	smīpō
Dat.	smīpai	smīpamaz
Inst.	smīpō	smīpamiz
Voc.	smīp	smīpōz, smīpōs

Descendants

***smiþ** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***smith** (Old Dutch)

smit (Middle Dutch)

smeid, smieëd (Limburgish)

***smiþ** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***smith** (Old Dutch)

smit (Middle Dutch)

smid (Dutch)

smid (Afrikaans)

shumát (Munsee)

smid (Negerhollands)

smet, smid (Papiamentu)

shēmìt, shmìt (Unami)

***smiþ** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***smith** (Old Dutch)

smit (Middle Dutch)

smid (Dutch)

smeti, smitti (Sranan Tongo)

simítima (Saramaccan)

***smiþ** (Proto-West Germanic)

smiþ (Old English)

smyth (Middle English)

smith (English)

smith, smyth (Scots)

***smiþ** (Proto-West Germanic)

smith, smeth, smid (Old Frisian)

Smid (Saterland Frisian)

smid (West Frisian)

***smiþ** (Proto-West Germanic)

smid (Old High German)

smit (Middle High German)

Schmid (Alemannic German)

 ? (Bavarian)

Schmied (German)

Schmitt (Hunsrik)

Schmadd (Luxembourgish)

śmejt (Vilamovian)

שמיד (shmid) (Yiddish)

***smiþ** (Proto-West Germanic)

smith (Old Saxon)

smit, smet, smede (Middle Low German)

Smitt, Smidd, Smedd (German Low German)

smiðr (Old Norse)

smið (Elfdalian)

smiður (Faroese)

smiður (Icelandic)

smed (Norwegian Bokmål)

smed (Norwegian Nynorsk)

smiðr (Old Norse)

? (Old Danish)

smed (Danish)

smiðr (Old Norse)

smiþer (Old Swedish)

smed (Swedish)

***smiþa** (*smiþa) (Gothic)

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