

***smēhaz** Runic: ᚱᚲᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱ Pronunciation: /'smɛ:.xɑz/

adjective · a-stem

Meanings

small; little

Etymology

Apparently from a pre-Germanic form *smeh₁k-o-s, with no certain cognates outside of Germanic. The traditional comparison with Ancient Greek μικρός (*mīkrós*) (mīkrós, ‘little, small’), traditionally derived from a Proto-Indo-European **(s)meyg-*, **(s)mēyg-* (‘small, thin, delicate; to rub, smear’), is phonetically untenable, and the Greek is thought to be derived from a substrate, rendering the Germanic formation isolated.

Declension

Strong declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	smēhaz	smēhō	smēha, -atō	smēhai	smēhōz	smēhō
Acc.	smēhanō	smēhō	smēha, -atō	smēhanz	smēhōz	smēhō
Gen.	smēhas, -is	smēhaizōz	smēhas, -is	smēhaizō	smēhaizō	smēhaizō
Dat.	smēhammai	smēhaizōi	smēhammai	smēhaimaz	smēhaimaz	smēhaimaz
Inst.	smēhanō	smēhaizō	smēhanō	smēhaimiz	smēhaimiz	smēhaimiz

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Nom.	smēhō	smēhō	smēhō	smēhaniz	smēhōniz	smēhōnō
Acc.	smēhanu	smēhōnu	smēhō	smēhanunz	smēhōnunz	smēhōnō
Gen.	smēhiniz	smēhōniz	smēhiniz	smēhanô	smēhōnô	smēhanô
Dat.	smēhini	smēhōni	smēhini	smēhammaz	smēhōmaz	smēhammaz
Inst.	smēhinē	smēhōnē	smēhinē	smēhammiz	smēhōmiz	smēhammiz

Descendants

*smāh (Proto-West Germanic)
smā (Old Dutch)
smalike, smelike, smeelike, smalijs, smaliken (Middle Dutch)
smalijs (Dutch)
smälek (Swedish)
*smāh (Proto-West Germanic)
smāhi (Old High German)
smæhe (Middle High German)
schmähe, schmäch (German)
schmählich (German)
*smāh (Proto-West Germanic)
smāhi (Old High German)
smæhe (Middle High German)
smæheliche (Middle High German)
schmählich (German)
*smāh (Proto-West Germanic)
smāh (Old Saxon)
smâ (Middle Low German)
smâlik, smêlik, smâwort (Middle Low German)
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smā (Old Dutch)
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smalijs (Dutch)

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smâ (Middle Low German)

smâlîk, smêlîk, smâwort (Middle Low German)

smár (Old Norse)

små (Danish)

smáur (Faroese)

smár (Icelandic)

små (Norwegian)

smár (Old Norse)

smār (Old Swedish)

små (Swedish)

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