

***snawwaz** Runic: ᚱᚿᚿᚿᚿᚿᚿ Pronunciation: /'snaw.waz/

adjective · a-stem

Meanings

1. bald
2. quick, sudden

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European *ksnow-ó-s, from *ksnew- ('to scrape, sharpen'). The original sense was "shaved" > "bald", whence the other senses via figurative extension of "sharp, quick".

Other theories derive the word from *snewanā ('to rush, hurry') or its root, Proto-Indo-European **snewH-* ('to be fleet'), based on the assumption of "quick" as the original sense, with de Vries explicitly preferring this latter derivation over the *ksnew- theory.

Declension

Strong declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	snawwaz	snawwō	snawwā, -atō	snawwai	snawwōz	snawwō
Acc.	snawwanō	snawwō	snawwā, -atō	snawwanz	snawwōz	snawwō
Gen.	snawwas, -is	snawwaizōz	snawwas, -is	snawwaizō	snawwaizō	snawwaizō
Dat.	snawwammai	snawwaizōi	snawwammai	snawwaimaz	snawwaimaz	snawwaima
Inst.	snawwanō	snawwaizō	snawwanō	snawwaimiz	snawwaimiz	snawwaimi

Weak declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	snawwô	snawwō	snawwô	snawwaniz	snawwōniz	snawwōnō
Acc.	snawwanu	snawwōnu	snawwô	snawwanunz	snawwōnunz	snawwōnō
Gen.	snawwiniz	snawwōniz	snawwiniz	snawwanê	snawwōnê	snawwanê
Dat.	snawwini	snawwōni	snawwini	snawwammaz	snawwōmaz	snawwammaz
Inst.	snawwinē	snawwōnē	snawwinē	snawwammiz	snawwōmiz	snawwammiz

Descendants

- *snauw (Proto-West Germanic)
 - *snau (Old Saxon)
 - snouw, snaw (Middle Low German)
- snøgg (Old Norse)
 - snug (English)
 - snøggur (Faroese)
 - snöggur (Icelandic)
 - snøgg (Norwegian Bokmål)
 - snøgg, snogg, snegg (Norwegian Nynorsk)
 - snögg, snygg (Swedish)

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