

***snellaz** Runic: ᚱᚲᚲᚲᚲᚲᚲ Pronunciation: /'snel.laz/

adjective · a-stem

Meanings

active, bold, quick

Etymology

Uncertain. Possibly from Pre-Germanic *sneð^hlos, from Proto-Indo-European **sneð^h-* ('to cut'), a root probably also attested in *snadō ('cut, wound'). If so, the meaning might have developed from "cutting" > "eager to cut" > "eager, active, quick, brave (in battle)". For the assimilation of -dl- to -ll-, see also *stallaz, *knullaz, *trullōnā. However, this theory is doubted by linguists, including Magnusson, who seems to favor an onomatopoeic origin.

Declension

Strong declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	snellaz	snellō	snellā, -atō	snellai	snellōz	snellō
Acc.	snellanō	snellō	snellā, -atō	snellanz	snellōz	snellō
Gen.	snellas, -is	snellaizōz	snellas, -is	snellaizō	snellaizō	snellaizō
Dat.	snellammai	snellaizōi	snellammai	snellaimaz	snellaimaz	snellaimaz
Inst.	snellanō	snellaizō	snellanō	snellaimiz	snellaimiz	snellaimiz

Weak declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	snellô	snellō	snellô	snellaniz	snellōniz	snellōnō
Acc.	snellanų	snellōnų	snellô	snellanunz	snellōnunz	snellōnō
Gen.	snelliniz	snellōniz	snelliniz	snellanġ	snellōnġ	snellanġ
Dat.	snellini	snellōni	snellini	snellammaz	snellōmaz	snellammaz
Inst.	snellinē	snellōnē	snellinē	snellammiz	snellōmiz	snellammiz

Descendants

***snell** (Proto-West Germanic)

- ***snel** (Old Dutch)
 - snel, snell** (Middle Dutch)
 - snel** (Dutch)
 - snel** (Afrikaans)

***snell** (Proto-West Germanic)

- snel, snell** (Old English)
 - snell** (Middle English)
 - snell** (English)
 - snell** (Scots)

***snell** (Proto-West Germanic)

- snel** (Old Frisian)
 - snel** (West Frisian)

***snell** (Proto-West Germanic)

- snel** (Old High German)
 - snĕl** (Middle High German)
 - schnej, schnö, schnöll** (Bavarian)
 - שנעל (shnel)** (Yiddish)

***snell** (Proto-West Germanic)

- snel** (Old High German)
 - snĕl** (Middle High German)
 - ? (Alemannic German)
 - schnĕll** (Alsatian)

***snell** (Proto-West Germanic)

snel (Old High German)

snël (Middle High German)

schnell (German)

шнель (šnel’), шнеле (šnele), шнеля (šnelja) (Russian)

***snell** (Proto-West Germanic)

snell, snel (Old Saxon)

snell, snel (Middle Low German)

snell (German Low German)

***snell** (Proto-West Germanic)

***snellus** (Vulgar Latin)

snello (Italian)

isnel, irnel (Occitan)

***snell** (Proto-West Germanic)

***snellus** (Vulgar Latin)

esnel, isnel, inel (Old French)

isnel, ignel (Middle French)

snjallr (Old Norse)

snjallur (Faroese)

snäldar, snällar (Gutnish)

snjallur, snjall (Icelandic)

snill (Norwegian Bokmål)

snjallr (Old Norse)

snialdær, sniældær, snildær, sniæll (Old Danish)

snild (Danish)

snjallr (Old Norse)

sniaelder, snælder (Old Swedish)

snäll (Swedish)

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