

***swammaz** Runic: ᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱ Pronunciation: /'swam.maz/

noun · masculine · a-stem

Meanings

1. sponge
2. fungus, mushroom
3. swamp

Etymology

Seemingly related to Ancient Greek σومφός (sompós, ‘spongy, porous (esp. of wood)’), with which it is traditionally derived from Proto-Indo-European **swomb^h*- (‘sponge; tree-fungus’), but the Greek probably cannot be of inherited Indo-European origin given its lack of the expected shift **s-* > **h-* (but see σῦς (sûs) for a possible exception). Likely ultimately of substrate or wanderwort origin. Such a substrate word may speculatively be related to the substrate sources of similar words in other languages, including Latin *fungus* (‘mushroom, fungus’), Ancient Greek σπόγγος (*spóngos*) (spóngos)/σφόνγγος (sphóngos, ‘sponge; tonsil’), Old Armenian սոճկ (sunkn, ‘tree fungus’) and perhaps Proto-Balto-Slavic **gúm²bas* (‘bulged, bloated’) (whence Lithuanian *guĩbas* (‘bulge’) and Proto-Slavic **gǫba* (‘fungus, mushroom; sponge; lip’)), which cannot be reconciled in terms of Proto-Indo-European.

See also **sumpaz* (‘swamp’). This along with the variants **swambaz* (Old High German *swamb*) and **swampuz* (Old Norse *sǫppr*, *svǫppr*, *svampr*) perhaps point to an original n-stem **swambô* ~ **sumppaz*.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	swammaz	swammōz, swammōs
Acc.	swammaꝥ	swammanz
Gen.	swammas, swammis	swammô
Dat.	swammai	swammamaz
Inst.	swammō	swammamiz
Voc.	swamm	swammōz, swammōs

Descendants

*swamm (Proto-West Germanic)

 *swamm (Old Dutch)

 swamme, swam (Middle Dutch)

 zwam (Dutch)

 swam (Afrikaans)

*swamm (Proto-West Germanic)

 swamm (Old English)

 swam (Middle English)

 swamp, (Scots: swaam (English)

*swamm (Proto-West Germanic)

 *swam, *swom (Old Frisian)

 Swom, Swam (Saterland Frisian)

 swam (West Frisian)

*swamm (Proto-West Germanic)

 swamb, swam, swamp (Old High German)

 swam, swamme, swamp (Middle High German)

 Schwâmm, Schwammerl (Bavarian)

 Schwamm (German)

 Schwamp (Luxembourgish)

 שוואַם (shvom), שוועמל (shveml) (Yiddish)

*swamm (Proto-West Germanic)

swamm, swam (Old Saxon)
swam (Middle Low German)
Swamm (German Low German)

***swamb** (Proto-West Germanic)

***swamm** (Old Dutch)
swamme, swam (Middle Dutch)
zwam (Dutch)
swam (Afrikaans)

***swamb** (Proto-West Germanic)

swamm (Old English)
swam (Middle English)
swamp, (Scots: swaam (English)

***swamb** (Proto-West Germanic)

***swam, *swom** (Old Frisian)
Swom, Swam (Saterland Frisian)
swam (West Frisian)

***swamb** (Proto-West Germanic)

swamb, swam, swamp (Old High German)
swam, swamme, swamp (Middle High German)
Schwamm, Schwammerl (Bavarian)
Schwamm (German)
Schwamp (Luxembourgish)
שוואַם (shvom), שוועמל (shveml) (Yiddish)

***swamb** (Proto-West Germanic)

swamm, swam (Old Saxon)
swam (Middle Low German)
Swamm (German Low German)

svǫppr (Old Norse)

svøppur, soppur, svampur (Faroese)
sveppur, svampur (Icelandic)

svǫppr (Old Norse)

sopp, svamp (Norwegian)
sop, såp (Danish)
sopp (Norwegian Bokmål)

svǫppr (Old Norse)

swamp (Old Danish)

svamp, svomp, sop (Danish)

svamp (Norwegian Bokmål)

svøppr (Old Norse)

svamper (Old Swedish)

svamp, sopp (Swedish)

soppr (Old Norse)

svøppur, soppur, svampur (Faroese)

sveppur, svampur (Icelandic)

soppr (Old Norse)

sopp, svamp (Norwegian)

sop, såp (Danish)

sopp (Norwegian Bokmål)

soppr (Old Norse)

swamp (Old Danish)

svamp, svomp, sop (Danish)

svamp (Norwegian Bokmål)

soppr (Old Norse)

svamper (Old Swedish)

svamp, sopp (Swedish)

svampr (Old Norse)

svøppur, soppur, svampur (Faroese)

sveppur, svampur (Icelandic)

svampr (Old Norse)

sopp, svamp (Norwegian)

sop, såp (Danish)

sopp (Norwegian Bokmål)

svampr (Old Norse)

swamp (Old Danish)

svamp, svomp, sop (Danish)

svamp (Norwegian Bokmål)

svampr (Old Norse)

svamper (Old Swedish)

svamp, sopp (Swedish)

𐍃𐍅𐍂𐍄𐍄𐍄 (swamms) (Gothic)

[View on Wiktionary](#)

