

***swēbaz** Runic: ᚱᚹᚳᚰᚢᚷ Pronunciation: /'swɛ:.βaz/

noun · masculine · a-stem

Meanings

someone of the Suebi (a Swabian, but this has a modern meaning)

Etymology

Unknown. Possibly from Proto-Indo-European **swé* (“oneself”, reflexive pronoun) with an uncertain second component, sometimes taken to be **b^huH-* despite formal difficulties. Compared to Proto-Slavic **svobodà* (‘freedom’), Latvian *atsvabināt* (‘to free’). In Germanic, compare especially **sibjō* (‘kinship; friendship’) and Old Norse *Sif* (name of a goddess), plausibly derived from Proto-Indo-European **seb^hyo*, the dative form of the pronoun. Note also the ethnonym **swihô* (‘Swede’), which like **swēbaz* retains the **w*. However, all connections are problematic in one way or another.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	swēbaz	swēbōz, swēbōs
Acc.	swēbaą	swēbanz
Gen.	swēbas, swēbis	swēbô
Dat.	swēbai	swēbamaz
Inst.	swēbō	swēbamiz
Voc.	swēb	swēbōz, swēbōs

Descendants

***Swāb** (Proto-West Germanic)

Swǣfas, Swǣfe (Old English)

***Swāb** (Proto-West Germanic)

Swāf (Old Dutch)

***Swāvīn** (Old Dutch)

***Swāb** (Proto-West Germanic)

Swāb, Swāp, Suāb, Suāp (Old High German)

Swāp, Swābe (Middle High German)

Schwabe (German)

Zwaab (Dutch)

șvab (Romanian)

*𐌸𐌰𐌱𐌰𐌱𐌰𐌽 (***swabar**) (Proto-Norse)

***sváfr** (Old Norse)

Sváfa, Sváfaland (Old Norse)

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𐌸𐌰𐌱𐌰𐌱𐌰𐌽𐌰𐌹𐌶𐌰𐌽 (***swabaharjar**) (Proto-Norse)

Sváfarr (Old Norse)

Suēbus (Latin)

Σούηβος (**Souēbos**) (Ancient Greek)

sueu, Suèvia (Catalan)

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