

***wisundz** Runic: ᚹᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱᚱ Pronunciation: /'wi.sundz/

noun · masculine · consonant stem

Meanings

wisent, bison

Etymology

Likely a lexicalization of the present participle *wesandz (Stiles 2004; cf. Krahe–Meid 1967:§129.1), from Proto-Indo-European **wes-* (‘to graze’). The naming-motive “big-eater” is suggested as hunters' taboo (compare 'grey one' for both hare and wolves; 'brown one' or 'honey-eater' for bear in Indo-European). Latin *bisōn/bisōntis*, variant *visōn*, is a first-century loan directly from continental West Proto-Germanic, as are Greek forms. Compare Old Prussian *wissambrs* (‘bison’).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	wisundz	wisundiz
Acc.	wisundȳ	wisundunz
Gen.	wisundiz	wisundō
Dat.	wisundi	wisundumaz
Inst.	wisundē	wisundumiz
Voc.	wisund	wisundiz

Descendants

wesend (Old English)

wesend (Middle English)

wesand (Old English)

wesend (Middle English)

weosend (Old English)

wesend (Middle English)

***wisund** (Old Saxon)

wēsent, wisent (Middle Low German)

wesen (Old Danish)

vesel, vessel (Danish)

***wisund** (Old Saxon)

wēsent, wisent (Middle Low German)

vesen, väsel (Old Swedish)

vessel, vässel (Swedish)

***wisund** (Old Saxon)

vísundr (Old Norse)

visundur (Faroese)

vísundur (Icelandic)

visund (Norwegian Nynorsk)

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visund (Norwegian Nynorsk)

***wisund** (Old Dutch)

wēsent, wesende (Middle Dutch)

***wisand** (Old Dutch)

wēsent, wesende (Middle Dutch)

wisent (Old Dutch)

wēsent, wesende (Middle Dutch)

wisunt (Old High German)

wisent, wisente, wisant (Middle High German)

Wisent, Wisund (German)

visent (Danish)

wisent (Dutch)

wisent (English)

visent (Norwegian Nynorsk)

visent (Swedish)

wisant (Old High German)

wisent, wisente, wisant (Middle High German)

Wisent, Wisund (German)

visent (Danish)

wisent (Dutch)

wisent (English)

visent (Norwegian Nynorsk)

visent (Swedish)

bisōn, bisōnt- (Latin)

Bison, Bisont (German)

bisōn, bisōnt- (Latin)

bison (Old French)

bison (French)

bizon (Dutch)

bison (English)

? (Suevic)

Guisande (Galician)

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