

***þegnaz** Runic: ᚢᚾᚷᚢᚱᚱ Pronunciation: /'θey.naz/

noun · masculine · a-stem

Meanings

retainer, servant

Etymology

Often compared with Ancient Greek τέκνον (*téknon*) (téknon, ‘child’). Kroonen instead sees a derivation from *þigjanaþ (‘to request, beg’).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	þegnaz	þegnōz, þegnōs
Acc.	þegnaþ	þegnanz
Gen.	þegnas, þignis	þegnô
Dat.	þegnai	þegnamaz
Inst.	þegnō	þegnamiz
Voc.	þegn	þegnōz, þegnōs

Descendants

*þegn (Proto-West Germanic)

 *thegen (Old Dutch)

 thegenliko (Old Dutch)

***þegn** (Proto-West Germanic)

| ***thegen** (Old Dutch)

| | **dēgen** (Middle Dutch)

| | | **degen** (Dutch)

***þegn** (Proto-West Germanic)

| **þegn, þægn, þēn** (Old English)

| | **thainus** (Medieval Latin)

***þegn** (Proto-West Germanic)

| **þegn, þægn, þēn** (Old English)

| | **theyn, dain, thain, thayn, thein, þen, þein, þeyn, ðæin, þægen, þægn, þegen, þegn,**

| | **þezn, þeign** (Middle English)

| | | **thane** (English)

| | | **taen** (Irish)

| | | **thane** (Scots)

***þegn** (Proto-West Germanic)

| **dëgan** (Old High German)

| | **dëgen** (Middle High German)

| | | **Degen** (German)

***þegn** (Proto-West Germanic)

| **thegan** (Old Saxon)

| | **degen, dēgen** (Middle Low German)

þegn (Old Norse)

| **þegn** (Icelandic)

þegn (Old Norse)

| **þæghn, þiæghn** (Old Swedish)

| | **tegn, tägn** (Swedish)

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