

***þistilaz** Runic: ᛠᛚᛚᛚᛚᛚᛚᛚ Pronunciation: /'θis.ti.laz/

noun · masculine · a-stem

Meanings

thistle

Etymology

Usually considered to derive from pre-Germanic *(s)teyg- ('to pierce, prick, be sharp'), though with superficial mechanical reasoning, with dubious though formally possibly succedent zero-grade *-sd- ('sitting'), having acquired the Germanic suffix *-ilaz. Compare *mistilaz for the formation.

Alternatively, Orel considers the word to be formed from Proto-Indo-European **tetk-* ('to cut, fashion') + *-elo- (the latter whence *-ilaz).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	þistilaz	þistilōz, þistilōs
Acc.	þistila	þistilanz
Gen.	þistilas, þistilis	þistilō
Dat.	þistilai	þistilamaz
Inst.	þistilō	þistilamiz
Voc.	þistil	þistilōz, þistilōs

Descendants

***pistil** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***thistil** (Old Dutch)

distel (Middle Dutch)

distel (Dutch)

distel (Afrikaans)

***pistil** (Proto-West Germanic)

þistel (Old English)

thistel, þistel, thystyl, þistil, thestel, thystylle, thystyll, þestel, thistill, þystel, þissle, thystul (Middle English)

thistle (English)

thrissel (Scots)

***pistil** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***thistel** (Old Frisian)

Tíesel (Saterland Frisian)

tister (West Frisian)

***pistil** (Proto-West Germanic)

distil, distila (Old High German)

distel (Middle High German)

Distel (German)

Döschtel (Luxembourgish)

Dischdel (Pennsylvania German)

döstul (Vilamovian)

***pistil** (Proto-West Germanic)

thistil, thistil (Old Saxon)

distel, dîstel (Middle Low German)

Diestel, Dießel, Diesel (German Low German)

þistill (Old Norse)

tistil (Faroese)

tissle (Gutnish)

þistill (Icelandic)

tistel (Norwegian)

tizle (Scanian)

þistill (Old Norse)

thistæl (Old Danish)

tidsel (Danish)

pistill (Old Norse)

pistil (Old Swedish)

tistel (Swedish)

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