

***-þwō** Runic: 𐰚𐰪𐰆 Pronunciation: /θwɔ:/

suffix · forms nouns · feminine · ō-stem

Function

forms feminine abstract/action nouns from verbs, often denoting an act, state, result, or associated condition

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **-twéh₂*, beside strong-form **-tuh₂*, from **-tu-* + **-éh₂*. Some inherited forms show **-dwō* by Verner's Law and later leveling (Kluge 1899: §140; Krahe & Meid 1969: §127). The closest IE cognates are Proto-Balto-Slavic **-twāʔ* > Proto-Slavic **-tva*, forming deverbative nouns of action, state, result, and instrument (Derksen 2008: 42; Matasović 2014: 115–17). Sanskrit *-त्वा* (*-tvá*) and Avestan *-tva-* are structurally related members of the same complex.

Paradigm

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	-þwō	-þwōz
Acc.	-þwō	-þwōz
Gen.	-þwōz	-þwō
Dat.	-þwōi	-þwōmaz
Inst.	-þwō	-þwōmiz
Voc.	-þwō	-þwōz

Descendants

-ϕϣλ (-ḫwa) (Gothic)

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