

***-īniz** Runic: | ƿ | ȝ Pronunciation: /iː.niz/

suffix · forms nouns · feminine · i-stem

Function

forms feminine abstract, action, or result nouns from Class 1 weak verbs, with the sense ‘the act, process, state, or result of doing X’

Etymology

From Early Proto-Germanic **-iji-niz*, from pre-Germanic **-eye-ni-s* or **-iye-ni-s*, made up of the Weak class 1 present-stem suffix + inherited Proto-Indo-European **-ni-* (Krahe & Meid 1969: 117–18). The **-j-* was lost when preceded and followed by **i*, and the two vowels in hiatus then contracted into long **ī* (Ringe 2017: 153–55). Krahe and Meid (1969: 117–18) treat this suffix as one of three weak verb abstract types beside Weak class 2 **-ōniz* from **-eh₂(ye)-nis*, and Weak class 3 **-ainiz* from **-oye-ni-s*.

Paradigm

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	-īniz	-īnīz
Acc.	-īnĭ	-īninz
Gen.	-īnīz	-īnijō
Dat.	-īnī	-īnimaz
Inst.	-īnī	-īnimiz
Voc.	-īni	-īnīz

Descendants

*-īn (Proto-West Germanic)

 *-īn (Old Dutch)

 -ijn, -en (Middle Dutch)

 -en (Dutch)

*-īn (Proto-West Germanic)

 -en (Old English)

 -en (Middle English)

 -en (English)

 -en, -in (Scots)

*-īn (Proto-West Germanic)

 -en (Old Frisian)

 -en (Saterland Frisian)

 -en (West Frisian)

*-īn (Proto-West Germanic)

 -in (Old High German)

 -en (Middle High German)

 -en, -ern (German)

*-īn (Proto-West Germanic)

 -in (Old Saxon)

 -en (Middle Low German)

 -en (Low German)

-inn, enn, hinn, inn (Old Norse)

 -inn (Icelandic)

 -in (Faroese)

 -en (Norwegian Nynorsk)

 -en (Norwegian Bokmål)

 -en (Swedish)

 -en (Danish)

-eins (-eins) (Gothic)

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