

***-ōniz** Runic: ᚲᚢᚱᚢᚰᚢᚰᚢᚰ Pronunciation: /ɔ:.niz/

noun · feminine · i-stem

Function

forms feminine abstract or event nouns from weak class 2 verbs

Etymology

From the Weak class 2 stem-formant *-ō- (from Proto-Indo-European *eh₂*-stem noun suffix *-*éh₂*) + the Proto-Germanic abstract deverbal suffix *-*niz*, from PIE *-*nis* (Krahe & Meid 1969: 117–18). PGmc *-*ni*- had a wide range in abstract formation from weak verbs and appeared as *-*ini*-, *-*aini*-, or *-*ōni*- depending on the inflectional class of the base verb; Gothic preserved this type more extensively than the other daughter languages, which often replaced it with formations such as *-*ungō*/*-*ingō* (Kluge 1899: 74–76). Related to *-*niz* and *-*īniz*.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	-ōniz	-ōnīz
Acc.	-ōnį	-ōninz
Gen.	-ōnīz	-ōnijô
Dat.	-ōnī	-ōnimaz
Inst.	-ōnī	-ōnimiz
Voc.	-ōni	-ōnīz

Descendants

-ene (Old Frisian)

-an, -un (Old Norse)

-an (Faroese)

-an, -un (Icelandic)

-an (Swedish)

-𐌵𐌹𐌺𐌸 (-ōns) (Gothic)

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