

solus

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English

Etymology

From Latin *sōlus*.

Adjective

solus (*not comparable*)

1. alone, unaccompanied (as a stage direction)

Anagrams

- souls

Latin

Etymology

Often derived from earlier **swolos*, from Proto-Italic **swelos*, from Proto-Indo-European **swé* (reflexive pronoun), whence *se* (“oneself”) (compare English *self*, *seldom*, PIE **s(w)e-l-bʰ-*) + *-los*; however de Vaan rejects this derivation and suggests instead a connection to **sōlh₂-* (“whole, healthy”), which would make it akin to *salvus* and *salūs*. Another hypothesis connects Proto-Germanic **sēliz* (Gothic *SEΛS* (*sēls*, “happy, good”), Old English *sēlra* (“better”)) (< **selH-*).

PIE word

<i>*swé</i>

Pronunciation

- (*Classical*) IPA^(key): /ˈsoː.lus/, [ˈsɔːɫʊs]
- (*Ecclesiastical*) IPA^(key): /ˈso.lus/, [ˈsɔːlus]

Adjective

sōlus (*feminine sōla*, *neuter sōlum*); *first/second-declension adjective (pronominal)*

1. alone, sole, only, by oneself with no others around
2. solitary, uninhabited

Declension

First/second-declension adjective (pronominal).

Number	Singular			Plural		
Case / Gender	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter
Nominative	<i>sōlus</i>	<i>sōla</i>	<i>sōlum</i>	<i>sōlī</i>	<i>sōlae</i>	<i>sōla</i>
Genitive	<i>sōlīus</i>			<i>sōlōrum</i>	<i>sōlārum</i>	<i>sōlōrum</i>
Dative	<i>sōlī</i>			<i>sōlīs</i>		
Accusative	<i>sōlum</i>	<i>sōlam</i>	<i>sōlum</i>	<i>sōlōs</i>	<i>sōlās</i>	<i>sōla</i>

<i>Ablative</i>	<u>sōlō</u>	<u>sōlā</u>	<u>sōlō</u>	<u>sōlīs</u>		
<i>Vocative</i>	<u>sōle</u>	<u>sōla</u>	<u>sōlum</u>	<u>sōlī</u>	<u>sōlae</u>	<u>sōla</u>

Derived terms

- dēsōlō
- sōlītārius
- sōlītātīm
- sōlum
- sōlīgenitus
- sōlītās
- sōlītūdo

Descendants

- Asturian: solu
- Catalan: sol
- Old French: sol
 - English: sole
 - French: seul
- Friulian: sōl
- Istriot: sulo
- Italian: solo
 - → English: solo
 - → French: solo
 - → Portuguese: solo
- Occitan: sol
- Old Portuguese: soo, sol
 - Galician: só
 - Portuguese: só
- Romansch: sul
- Sardinian: solu, sou
- Sicilian: sulu
- Spanish: solo

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 - **(ambiguous)** sunrise; sunset: **ortus, occasus solis**
 - **(ambiguous)** an eclipse of the sun: **solis defectio**
 - **(ambiguous)** to be dried up by the sun's heat: **ardore solis torreri**
 - **(ambiguous)** the east winds are blowing: **venti ab ortu solis flant**
 - **(ambiguous)** to be situate to the north-west: **spectare inter occasum solis et septentriones**
 - **(ambiguous)** Solon, one of the seven sages: **Solo, unus de septem (illis)**
 - **(ambiguous)** Solo ordained by law that.: **Solo lege sanxit, ut or ne**
 - **(ambiguous)** to leave one's country (only used of exiles): **solum vertere, mutare** (Caecin. 34. 100)
 - **(ambiguous)** Solon made it a capital offence to.: **Solo capite sanxit, si quis...** (Att. 10. 1)
 - **(ambiguous)** to raze a town to the ground: **oppidum solo aequare**
 - **(ambiguous)** this is as clear as daylight: **hoc est luce (sole ipso) clarius**
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Middle Irish

Etymology

From Old Irish *solus*.

Adjective

solus

1. bright
2. *(of sound)* clear
3. *(intellectually)* clear, lucid

Noun

solus *m*

1. light
2. clarity, intelligibility

Derived terms

- solusta

Descendants

- Irish: solas
- Manx: sollys
- Scottish Gaelic: solas

Mutation

Middle Irish mutation		
Radical	Lenition	Nasalization
solus	śolus	<i>unchanged</i>

Note: Some of these forms may be hypothetical. Not every possible mutated form of every word actually occurs.

Further reading

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Old Irish

Etymology

so- + lés (compare dolus)

Pronunciation

- IPA^(key): /'solus/

Adjective

solus

1. bright, clear

Inflection

u-stem			
Singular	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter
Nominative	solus	solus	solus
Vocative	solus		
Accusative	solus		
Genitive	<u>soluis</u>	<u>soilse</u>	<u>soluis</u>
Dative	solus	<u>soluis</u>	solus
Plural	Masculine	Feminine/neuter	
Nominative	<u>soilsi</u>	<u>soilsi</u>	
Vocative	<u>soilsi</u>		
Accusative	<u>soilsi</u>		
Genitive	*		
Dative	<u>soilsib</u>		
Notes	*not attested in Old Irish; same as nominative singular masculine in Middle Irish		

Derived terms

- follus

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