

Nominal pre-practice

Example:

Gang uz, nesso, mid niun nessinchlinon ‘go out, worm, with 9 little worms’
... vonna den adrun In daz fleisk

Nesso. From context, it’s surely nominative, and if so, it looks suspiciously like an *n*-stem masculine (*hano*), but could belong to some minor class. *Fleisk* is obviously neuter (*daz!*) and given how the same structure would work in modern German, that article after a preposition must be accusative. In the absence of other evidence, assume it’s an *a*-stem.

1. Glaubistû einan got almahtigan in thrînisse inti in einisse? Ih gilaubu.

got: Clearly masc singular acc. (see indef. art.) and smart guess has to be *a*-stem. It was originally neuter, but changed gender with Christianization.

ih: 1.sg.nom. pronoun

2. her fragen gistuont fohem uuortum huer sin fater wari (foh- = few)
‘he began to ask by means of few words who his father might be’

dat.pl. neuter a-stem

3. nu scal mih suasat chind suertu hauwan ... (suasat = ‘my own’)
‘now my very own kid’s gonna whack me with a sword’

chind: nom.sg. neuter a-stem

suertu: instrumental sg. neuter a-stem