

***-(a)nē** Runic: (𐰃)𐰆𐰇 Pronunciation: /ɑ.nɛ:/

suffix · forms adverbs

Function

forms adverbs with ablative direction

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European postposed adverbial **-néh₁*, originally the instrumental/adverbial particle **né-h₁*, used after directional and pronominal bases ([Dunkel 2014: 60–62](#)). The initial **-a-* is secondary within Proto-Germanic, generalized from forms where **-nē* < PIE **-néh₁* was attached to an adverbial/allative base in **-o*, e.g. **upo-néh₁* > PGmc **ubanē*, later reanalyzed as **ub-anē*, giving a productive or semi-productive Proto-Germanic directional suffix **-anē* ([Kroonen 2011a: 85–92](#)).

Descendants

***-anā** (Proto-West Germanic)

-an (Old English)

-ana (Old High German)

-an, -ana (Old Saxon)

-𐰃𐰆𐰇 (**-ana**) (Proto-Norse)

-an (Old Norse)

-𐌶𐌵𐌿 (**-ana**) (Gothic)

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