

*abnijana

Runic: 𐌰𐌶𐌵𐌶𐌴𐌹𐌶𐌴𐌹𐌶𐌴

Pronunciation: /'aβ.ni.ja.nã/

verb · Weak class 1

Meanings

to perform, execute

Etymology

Probably from **abnijā* + **(i)janā*, ultimately from the *n*-stem/oblique member of Proto-Indo-European **h₃óp-r̥* ~ **h₃ép-n-*. The nasal thus likely reflects the inherited heteroclitic *n*-form, as in pre-Germanic **h₃ep-n-yo-m* > Proto-Germanic **abnijā* (Johnsen 2005b: 258–59). Compare Vedic Sanskrit अ॒प्नस् (*ápnas-*), Hittite 𐎶𐎠𐎶𐎠𐎶𐎠𐎶𐎠𐎶𐎠𐎶𐎠 (*ḫa-ap-pí-na-* /*ḫappina-/*), and Latin *opulentus*, all belonging to the same PIE **h₃ep-/***h₃op-* complex (Johnsen 2005b: 258; Kloekhorst 2008: 295–97; Watkins 2011: s.v. *op-*). Kroonen (2013: 1) instead derives the verb internally from **aba-* + **-nijana*, but this is less compelling since the suffix is poorly supported and less semantically appealing.

Conjugation

Present active

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive	Imperative
1st singular	abnījō	abnijaų	—
2nd singular	abnīsi	abnijaïs	abnī
3rd singular	abnīþi	abnijai	abnijaþau
1st dual	abnījōs	abnijaïw	—
2nd dual	abnijaþiz	abnijaïþiz	abnijaþiz
1st plural	abnijamaz	abnijaim	—
2nd plural	abnīþ	abnijaïþ	abnīþ
3rd plural	abnijanþi	abnijain	abnijanþau

Present passive

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	abnijai	—
2nd singular	abnijasai	abnijaïsau
3rd singular	abnijaþai	abnijaïþau
1st dual	—	—
2nd dual	—	—
1st plural	abnijanþai	abnijainþau
2nd plural	abnijanþai	abnijainþau
3rd plural	abnijanþai	abnijainþau

Past

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	abnidō	abnidēdī
2nd singular	abnidēz	abnidēdīz
3rd singular	abnidē	abnidēdī
1st dual	abnidēdū	abnidēdīw
2nd dual	abnidēdudiz	abnidēdīdiz
1st plural	abnidēdum	abnidēdīm
2nd plural	abnidēdud	abnidēdīd
3rd plural	abnidēdun	abnidēdīn

Non-finite Forms

Infinitive	Present Participle	Past Participle
abnijanā	abnijandz	abnidaz

Descendants

***abnijan** (Proto-West Germanic)

æfnan, efnan (Old English)

efna (Old Norse)

evna (Faroese)

efna (Icelandic)

efna (Old Norse)

evne (Danish)

evne (Norwegian Bokmål)

efna (Old Norse)

emna, evna (Norwegian)

emne (Norwegian Bokmål)

efna (Old Norse)

æmna, æmpna (Old Swedish)

|| **ämna** (Swedish)

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