

***ahjana¹** Runic: ᚱᚰᚱᚰᚱᚰ Pronunciation: /'ax.ja.nã/

verb · Weak class 1

Meanings

to think; to suppose, assume

Etymology

Uncertain. Traditionally derived from Proto-Indo-European **h₃ekʷ-* ~ **h₃okʷ-* (‘to see; eye’). Osthoff (1910: 175) compares Ancient Greek ὄσσομαι (*óssomai*) < PIE y-present **h₃kʷ-yé/o-* (Beekes 2010: 1118; Rix et al. 2001: 297), which is semantically attractive. Formally the comparison is less secure: PIE **kʷ* normally left some trace of the labial in Proto-Germanic in similar environments. Another possible derivation is from a verb meaning ‘to graze, feed’, via the same semantic route as English “ruminant” (‘chew cud’ → ‘ponder’). But Kroonen’s (2013: 6) preferred reconstruction of the grazing verb as **aiwijaną* makes a connection unlikely.

Conjugation

Present active

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive	Imperative
1st singular	ahjō	ahjaŭ	—
2nd singular	ahisi	ahjais	ahi
3rd singular	ahipi	ahjai	ahjaḅau
1st dual	ahjōs	ahjaiw	—
2nd dual	ahjaḅiz	ahjaipiz	ahjaḅiz
1st plural	ahjamaz	ahjaim	—
2nd plural	ahip	ahjaip	ahip
3rd plural	ahjanḅi	ahjain	ahjanḅau

Present passive

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	ahjai	—
2nd singular	ahjasai	ahjaisau
3rd singular	ahjaḅai	ahjaipau
1st dual	—	—
2nd dual	—	—
1st plural	ahjanḅai	ahjainḅau
2nd plural	ahjanḅai	ahjainḅau
3rd plural	ahjanḅai	ahjainḅau

Past

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	ahidō	ahidēdī
2nd singular	ahidēz	ahidēdīz
3rd singular	ahidē	ahidēdī
1st dual	ahidēdū	ahidēdīw
2nd dual	ahidēdudiz	ahidēdīdiz
1st plural	ahidēdum	ahidēdīm
2nd plural	ahidēdud	ahidēdīd
3rd plural	ahidēdun	ahidēdīn

Non-finite Forms

Infinitive	Present Participle	Past Participle
ahjana	ahjandz	ahidaz

Descendants

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