

***aikana** Runic: ᚦ | | < ᚦ ᚦ ᚦ Pronunciation: /'aj.ka.nã/

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Meanings

to claim, appropriate; to make something one's own

Etymology

From pre-Germanic **h₂oyk-n-*, an o-grade nasal derivative of Proto-Indo-European root **h₂eyk-*, the same root as **aiganą*. Via Kluge's Law the **-kn-* became geminate **-kk-*, later shortening after the diphthong, giving root **aik-* (Kroonen 2013: 10). Kroonen's account fits the broader *n*-stem/nasal-suffix pattern in which Kluge's Law operates when suffixal **-n* stands directly after a root-final obstruent, especially in zero-grade suffixal forms; this yields paradigmatic alternations of singletons and geminates in Germanic. The semantic development is straightforward: 'possess, have as one's own' → 'take/claim as one's own'. A cognate is Sanskrit ईष्टे (*iṣṭe*) (Mallory & Adams 1997: 270; Watkins 2011: s.v. *aik-*). Related to **aiganą*, **aiginōną*, **aigō*, **aigō*, **aihtiz*, and **aihtrōną*.

Conjugation

Present active

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive	Imperative
1st singular	aikō	aikaŭ	—
2nd singular	aikizi	aikaiz	aik
3rd singular	aikidi	aikai	aikadau
1st dual	aikōz	aikaiw	—
2nd dual	aikadiz	aikaidiz	aikadiz
1st plural	aikamaz	aikaim	—
2nd plural	aikid	aikaid	aikid
3rd plural	aikandi	aikain	aikandau

Present passive

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	aikai	—
2nd singular	aikazai	aikaizau
3rd singular	aikadai	aikaidau
1st dual	—	—
2nd dual	—	—
1st plural	aikandai	aikaindau
2nd plural	aikandai	aikaindau
3rd plural	aikandai	aikaindau

Past

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	eaik	eaikȳ
2nd singular	eaiht	eaikīz
3rd singular	eaik	eaikī
1st dual	eaikū	eaikīw
2nd dual	eaikudz	eaikīdz
1st plural	eaikum	eaikīm
2nd plural	eaikud	eaikīd
3rd plural	eaikun	eaikīn

Non-finite Forms

Infinitive	Present Participle	Past Participle
aikanaȳ	aikandz	aikanaz

Descendants

- *aikan (Proto-West Germanic)

*eihhan, ineihhan (Old High German)
- *𐌵𐌹𐌿𐌺𐌹 (*aikan), 𐌹𐌺𐌵𐌹𐌿𐌺𐌹 (afaikan) (Gothic)

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