

***ainagaz** Runic: ᚱ | ᚠ | ᚠ | ᚦ | ᚦ | Pronunciation: /'aɪ.na.ɣaz/

adjective · a-stem

Meanings

only, sole; singular, unique

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **h₁oyno-kó-s*, a derivative of **h₁óy-no-s* with the adjectival suffix **-ko-s* (Klein et al. 2017: 777–78; Kroonen 2013: s.v. **aina-*; Ringe 2017: 229, 318). Within Proto-Germanic it was reanalyzed as **ainaz* + **-agaz* / **-gaz*, with **-g-* reflecting Verner voicing of suffixal **-k-* in an originally suffix-accented formation. Compare Latin *ūnicus* (< *ūnus* + *-icus*), a close Italic parallel from the same **h₁óy-no-s* base (de Vaan 2008: s.v. *ūnus*; Torp 1909: 11; Mallory & Adams 1997: 398–99; Onions 1996: s.v. *any*).

Declension

Strong declension

Case	Sg. Masc.	Sg. Fem.	Sg. Neut.	Pl. Masc.	Pl. Fem.	Pl. Neut.
Nom.	ainagaz	ainagō	ainaga, -atō	ainagai	ainagōz	ainagō
Acc.	ainaganō	ainagō	ainaga, -atō	ainaganz	ainagōz	ainagō
Gen.	ainagas, -is	ainagaizōz	ainagas, -is	ainagaizô	ainagaizô	ainagaizô
Dat.	ainagammai	ainagaizōi	ainagammai	ainagaimaz	ainagaimaz	ainagaimaz
Inst.	ainaganō	ainagaizō	ainaganō	ainagaimiz	ainagaimiz	ainagaimiz

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Nom.	ainagô	ainagō	ainagô	ainaganiz	ainagōniz	ainagōnō
Acc.	ainaganu	ainagōnu	ainagô	ainaganunz	ainagōnunz	ainagōnō
Gen.	ainaginiz	ainagōniz	ainaginiz	ainaganô	ainagōnô	ainaganô
Dat.	ainagini	ainagōni	ainagini	ainagammaz	ainagōmaz	ainagammaz
Inst.	ainaginē	ainagōnē	ainaginē	ainagammiz	ainagōmiz	ainagammiz

Descendants

***ainag, *ainīg** (Proto-West Germanic)

ēnag, ***einag, einigh** (Old Dutch)

enech (Middle Dutch)

enig (Dutch)

enig (Afrikaans)

***ainag, *ainīg** (Proto-West Germanic)

***āneġ, āneġ, āniġ, æniġ, āni, ānga, ænga, ēnga, ænge** (Old English)

aniȝ, eani, ony, eny, any (Middle English)

any (English)

eny, ony, onie (Scots)

***ainag, *ainīg** (Proto-West Germanic)

ēnig, ēnich, ***ānig, ēng, āng** (Old Frisian)

enig (Saterland Frisian)

ienich (West Frisian)

***ainag, *ainīg** (Proto-West Germanic)

einag, einac, einīg (Old High German)

eineg, einec, einic (Middle High German)

einig (German)

***ainag, *ainīg** (Proto-West Germanic)

ēnag, ēnig (Old Saxon)

ēnich (Middle Low German)

enig (Danish)

enig (Low German)

enig (Norwegian Bokmål)

einga, einigr (Old Norse)

einigur (Faroese)

einigur (Icelandic)

einga, einigr (Old Norse)

enigh (Old Swedish)

enig (Swedish)

𐌶𐌵𐌿𐌺𐌰 (**ainahs**) (Gothic)

***ainaga** (Proto-Finnic)

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