

***ainaz** Runic: ᚦ | ᚦ | ᚦ ᚦ Pronunciation: /'aj.naz/

numeral

Meanings

1. one
2. some

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **h₁óy-no-s*, or more structurally **h₁oy-* (‘single, isolated, individual’) + **-no-* (forms nominals), though Dunkel (2014: 588–89, 591) reconstructs the base without an initial laryngeal as **ói-* and treats **óy-no-* as an exclusive ‘single one’ formation, later generalized as the ordinary numeral in Italic, Celtic, Germanic, and Balto-Slavic (Kroonen 2013: 11; Ringe 2017: 66, 229, 318). Cognates include Old Latin *oīnos* > Latin *ūnus*, Proto-Celtic **oīnos* > Old Irish *óen*, *óin* and Middle Welsh *un*, Proto-Albanian **aina-* > Albanian *një*, Avestan *𐬀𐬀𐬭𐬀𐬭𐬀* (*aēuua-*), and Old Persian *aiva-*, Ancient Greek *οἶος* (*oîos*), while Sanskrit *एक* (*éka*) continues a parallel **h₁óy-ko-* derivative; Baltic and Slavic forms are renewed, as in Lithuanian *vienas*, Latvian *viens* < **we-ino-* and Old Church Slavonic *jedinŭ* < **ed-eino-* (Beekes 2010: 1058, 1060; de Vaan 2008: 642; Derksen 2008: 138–39; Derksen 2015: 501; Dunkel 2014: 587–91; Matasović 2009a: 304–305). Related to **ainagaz*, **ainahô*, **ainānq*, **ainōnq*, **ainalif*, and the many **aina-* compounds.

Descendants

***ain** (Proto-West Germanic)

ēn (Old Dutch)

ēen (Middle Dutch)

ein (Limburgish)

ien, jin (West Flemish)

***ain** (Proto-West Germanic)

ēn (Old Dutch)

êen (Middle Dutch)

een (Dutch)

een, 'n (Afrikaans)

***ain** (Proto-West Germanic)

ān (Old English)

on, oon, one, oen, oune, hon, none, an, anne, onne, ane, auen, aune, enne, onen, onenen, en, won, von, wone (Middle English)

one, an, a, yan, un, on (English)

ane, wan, yin, ae (Scots)

***ain** (Proto-West Germanic)

ēn, ān, een (Old Frisian)

aan, een (Saterland Frisian)

ien (West Frisian)

***ain** (Proto-West Germanic)

ein, ain (Old High German)

ein (Middle High German)

ain, äin, a, an, en (Alemannic German)

a (Bavarian)

ä, e (East Central German)

ein (German)

e (Rhine Franconian)

ײַן (eyn), אַ (a), אָ (an) (Yiddish)

***ain** (Proto-West Germanic)

ein, ain (Old High German)

ein (Middle High German)

een, ein, ään (Central Franconian)

een (Luxembourgish)

***ain** (Proto-West Germanic)

ēn (Old Saxon)

ên, ein (Middle Low German)

een (Plautdietsch)

***ain** (Proto-West Germanic)

ēn (Old Saxon)

ên, ein (Middle Low German)

ein, en, een (Low German)

𐌱 | 𐌿 | 𐌿 | 𐌿** (ainar**) (Proto-Norse)

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*𐱃 | 𐱃𐱃𐱃 (***ainar**) (Proto-Norse)

einn (Old Norse)

ein (Faroese)

einn (Icelandic)

en (Norn)

ein (Norwegian Nynorsk)

*𐱃 | 𐱃𐱃𐱃 (***ainar**) (Proto-Norse)

einn (Old Norse)

en, æn (Old Danish)

en (Danish)

en (Norwegian Bokmål)

*𐱃 | 𐱃𐱃𐱃 (***ainar**) (Proto-Norse)

einn (Old Norse)

ēn (Old Swedish)

en (Swedish)

𐍚𐍆𐍂𐍂𐍂 (**ains**) (Gothic)

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