

***aistāna** Runic: ᚱ | ᚩ ᚱ | ᚩ ᚱ | ᚩ ᚱ Pronunciation: /'aɪs.taː.nã/

verb · Weak class 3

Meanings

to respect, revere; hold in awe or esteem

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **h₂eyisd-*, probably through a stative present **h₂eyisd-éh₁-ye/o-* (Kroonen 2013: s.v. **aistēn-*; Rix et al. 2001: 260–61, s.v. *h₂eyisd-*). Cognate with Sanskrit ईष्टे (*īṣṭe*) and Old Avestan -iš- (*iš-*) (Cheung 2007: 160; Grestenberger 2016: 127–28). Alternatively, Grestenberger derives the Gothic present from PIE thematic **h₂eyisd-e/o-*, with an original experiencer sense ‘fear, be in awe of’ (Grestenberger 2016: 127–28). Ancient Greek αἰδομαι (*aídomai*) is probably related under this analysis, although Beekes objects that PIE *-sd-* should regularly have yielded Greek *-z-* rather than *-d-* (Beekes 2010: 34; Grestenberger 2016: 127–28). The development into Germanic Weak class 3 remains uncertain, since neither the origin of the class nor its **-ai- ~ -ā-* alternation has a generally accepted explanation (Fulk 2018: 308–13; Jasanoff 1973: 850–70; Mees 2023a: 347–64; Ringe 2017: 203–206, 286–89; Tanaka 2011: 254–60, 268–69).

Conjugation

Present active

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive	Imperative
1st singular	aistō	—	—
2nd singular	aistaisi	—	aistai
3rd singular	aistaipi	—	aistāpau
1st dual	aistōs	—	—
2nd dual	aistāpiz	—	aistāpiz
1st plural	aistāmaz	—	—
2nd plural	aistaip	—	aistaip
3rd plural	aistānpi	—	aistānpau

Present passive

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	—	—
2nd singular	aistāsai	—
3rd singular	aistāpai	—
1st dual	—	—
2nd dual	—	—
1st plural	aistānpai	—
2nd plural	aistānpai	—
3rd plural	aistānpai	—

Past

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	aistadō	aistadēdī
2nd singular	aistadēz	aistadēdīz
3rd singular	aistadē	aistadēdī
1st dual	aistadēdū	aistadēdīw
2nd dual	aistadēdudiz	aistadēdīdiz
1st plural	aistadēdum	aistadēdīm
2nd plural	aistadēdud	aistadēdīd
3rd plural	aistadēdun	aistadēdīn

Non-finite Forms

Infinitive	Present Participle	Past Participle
aistānā	aistāndz	aistadaz

Descendants

𐌵𐌹𐌽𐌰𐌹𐌺𐌰 (aīstan) (Gothic)

[View on Wiktionary](#)

Related Words

Entries that mention this word

*aizānā verb