

***akana¹** Runic: 𐌱 𐌰 𐌱 𐌴 𐌱 Pronunciation: /'a.ka.nã/

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Meanings

to drive or travel in a vehicle; by extension, to sail or navigate

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European thematic present **h₂éǵ-e/o-*, from **h₂eǵ-*. Cognate with Ancient Greek ἄγω (*ágō*), Latin *agō*, and Sanskrit अजति (*ájati*); the specifically nautical meanings developed within North Germanic from the broader sense ‘drive, convey, travel by vehicle’ ([Kroonen 2013: 18](#); [Orel 2003: 11](#); [Ringe 2017: 275](#); [Rix et al. 2001: 255–56](#); [Seebold 1970: 74](#)). This verb is North Germanic only, with borrowings from Old Norse into English and Scots.

Conjugation

Present active

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive	Imperative
1st singular	akō	akaŭ	—
2nd singular	akizi	akaiz	ak
3rd singular	akidi	akai	akadau
1st dual	akōz	akaiw	—
2nd dual	akadiz	akaidiz	akadiz
1st plural	akamaz	akaim	—
2nd plural	akid	akaid	akid
3rd plural	akandi	akain	akandau

Present passive

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	akai	—
2nd singular	akazai	akaizau
3rd singular	akadai	akaidau
1st dual	—	—
2nd dual	—	—
1st plural	akandai	akaindau
2nd plural	akandai	akaindau
3rd plural	akandai	akaindau

Past

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	ōk	ōkĭ
2nd singular	ōht	ōkīz
3rd singular	ōk	ōkī
1st dual	ōkū	ōkīw
2nd dual	ōkudiz	ōkīdiz
1st plural	ōkum	ōkīm
2nd plural	ōkud	ōkīd
3rd plural	ōkun	ōkīn

Non-finite Forms

Infinitive	Present Participle	Past Participle
akanaḡ	akandz	akanaz

Descendants

aka (Old Norse)

aik (English)

aka (Faroese)

aka (Icelandic)

oag, hoag, aik (Scots)

aka (Old Norse)

ake, åke (Norwegian Bokmål)

aka, ake (Norwegian Nynorsk)

aka (Old Norse)

akæ (Old Danish)

age (Danish)

aka (Old Norse)

aka (Old Swedish)

åka (Swedish)

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