

***alana** Runic: ᚱ ᚠ ᚠ ᚠ ᚱ Pronunciation: /'a.la.nã/

verb · Strong class 6

Meanings

1. to nourish, rear, bring up; to breed, bear
2. to grow, mature, grow old

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **h₂él-e/o-*, the thematic present of root **h₂el-*. The transitive sense ‘to nourish, rear’ was inherited directly, while ‘to grow, mature, grow old’ developed from its intransitive or medial use (Markey & Mees 2014: 4–5; Rix et al. 2001: 262). Ringe (2017: 211–14, 275) explains the long vowel of the preterite singular as arising in vowel-initial Strong class 6 verbs through contraction of the reduplicating syllable with the root syllable; thus, it entails the Germanic restructuring of an originally thematic PIE present. Cognate with Latin *alō* and Old Irish *ailid*; compare also Ancient Greek *ἀλδαίνω* (*aldaínō*), an extended formation from the same root.

Conjugation

Present active

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive	Imperative
1st singular	alō	alaṡ	–
2nd singular	alizi	alaiz	al
3rd singular	alidi	alai	aladau
1st dual	alōz	alaiw	–
2nd dual	aladiz	alaidiz	aladiz
1st plural	alamaz	alaim	–
2nd plural	alid	alaid	alid
3rd plural	alandi	alain	alandau

Present passive

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	alai	–
2nd singular	alazai	alaizau
3rd singular	aladai	alaidau
1st dual	–	–
2nd dual	–	–
1st plural	alandai	alaindau
2nd plural	alandai	alaindau
3rd plural	alandai	alaindau

Past

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	ōl	ōlī
2nd singular	ōlt	ōlīz
3rd singular	ōl	ōlī
1st dual	ōlū	ōlīw
2nd dual	ōludiz	ōlīdiz
1st plural	ōlum	ōlīm
2nd plural	ōlud	ōlīd
3rd plural	ōlun	ōlīn

Non-finite Forms

Infinitive	Present Participle	Past Participle
alanaȝ	alandz	alanaz

Descendants

***alan** (Proto-West Germanic)

alan (Old English)

ala (Old Norse)

ala (Faroese)

ala (Icelandic)

ale (Norwegian Bokmål)

ala (Norwegian Nynorsk)

alæ (Old Danish)

ala (Old Gutnish)

ala (Old Norse)

ala (Old Swedish)

uppala (Swedish)

𐌰𐌶𐌵 (alan) (Gothic)

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