

***aldijana** Runic: ᚦᚠᚱᚢᚿᚢᚾᚢᚰ Pronunciation: /'al.di.ja.nã/

verb · Weak class 1

Meanings

1. to make or cause to appear old; to age
2. to delay, postpone; prolong

Etymology

This word appears to continue two formally identical but semantically distinct Weak class 1 formations. In the sense ‘to make old’, it is a deadjectival factitive from **aldaz* + **(i)janq*, literally ‘to make old’; such deadjectival factitives belong to an inherited Germanic class of *j*-presents, ultimately continuing Proto-Indo-European **-yé/ó-* formations (Fulk 2018: 294–96; Lloyd et al. 1998: s.v. *eltern*; Ringe 2017: 200–201). The base **aldaz* continues Proto-Indo-European **h₂el-tó-s*, from **h₂el-*, hence originally approximately ‘grown, fully grown’ (Kroonen 2013: 20; Ringe 2017: 317). The distinct sense ‘to delay, prolong’ is securely reflected in West Germanic. Compare Old English *ieldan* and Old High German *elten*; EWA proposes that this sense was associated instead with the feminine noun represented by Old High German *eltî*, *eltîn*, so that the semantic development was approximately ‘to cause duration, prolong’ → ‘to delay’ (Lloyd et al. 1998: s.v. *elten*; Ringe & Taylor 2014: 231).

Conjugation

Present active

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive	Imperative
1st singular	aldijō	aldijau	—
2nd singular	aldīsi	aldijais	aldī
3rd singular	aldīpi	aldijai	aldijaþau
1st dual	aldijōs	aldijaiw	—
2nd dual	aldijaþiz	aldijaipiz	aldijaþiz
1st plural	aldijamaz	aldijaim	—
2nd plural	aldīþ	aldijaip	aldīþ
3rd plural	aldijanþi	aldijain	aldijanþau

Present passive

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	aldijai	—
2nd singular	aldijasai	aldijaisau
3rd singular	aldijaþai	aldijaipau
1st dual	—	—
2nd dual	—	—
1st plural	aldijanþai	aldijainpau
2nd plural	aldijanþai	aldijainpau
3rd plural	aldijanþai	aldijainpau

Past

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	aldidō	aldidēdī
2nd singular	aldidēz	aldidēdīz
3rd singular	aldidē	aldidēdī
1st dual	aldidēdū	aldidēdīw
2nd dual	aldidēdudiz	aldidēdīdiz
1st plural	aldidēdum	aldidēdīm
2nd plural	aldidēdud	aldidēdīd
3rd plural	aldidēdun	aldidēdīn

Non-finite Forms

Infinitive	Present Participle	Past Participle
aldijanaꝥ	aldijandz	aldidaz

Descendants

***aldijan** (Proto-West Germanic)

ieldan (Old English)

elten (Old High German)

elda (Old Norse)

elda, eldast (Faroese)

elda, eldast (Icelandic)

eldask (Old Norse)

elda, eldast (Faroese)

elda, eldast (Icelandic)

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