

*aliskōną

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Pronunciation: /'a.lis.kɔː.nã/

verb · Weak class 2

Meanings

to tend to, to care for

Etymology

Probably derived from **alaną*, ultimately from Proto-Indo-European **h₂el-*. The formation contains **-isk-* and may have arisen through a corresponding adjective **aliskaz* (‘fond, affectionate; dear, beloved’), continued by Old Norse *elskr* (de Vries 1977: s.v. *elska*), followed by formation of the Weak class 2 verb in **-ōną*; alternatively, **aliskaz* and **aliskōną* may represent parallel Germanic derivatives of the same base; Kroonen reconstructs *aliskōn-* directly as a derivative of *alan-* (but without further explanation of the origin of the **-isk-*) (Kluge 1899: §211; Kroonen 2013: 22; Rix et al. 2001: 262; Ringe 2017: 211–14, 275). Kroonen compares Danish *opelske*, which preserves the older semantic connection between ‘nurture, rear’ and the later North Germanic development ‘cherish, love’.

Conjugation

Present active

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive	Imperative
1st singular	aliskō	aliskō	—
2nd singular	aliskōsi	aliskōs	aliskō
3rd singular	aliskōpi	aliskō	aliskōpau
1st dual	aliskōs	aliskōw	—
2nd dual	aliskōpiz	aliskōpiz	aliskōpiz
1st plural	aliskōmaz	aliskōm	—
2nd plural	aliskōp	aliskōp	aliskōp
3rd plural	aliskōnpi	aliskōn	aliskōnpau

Present passive

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	aliskōi	—
2nd singular	aliskōsai	aliskōsau
3rd singular	aliskōpai	aliskōpau
1st dual	—	—
2nd dual	—	—
1st plural	aliskōnpai	aliskōnpau
2nd plural	aliskōnpai	aliskōnpau
3rd plural	aliskōnpai	aliskōnpau

Past

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	aliskōdō	aliskōdēdī
2nd singular	aliskōdēz	aliskōdēdīz
3rd singular	aliskōdē	aliskōdēdī
1st dual	aliskōdēdū	aliskōdēdīw
2nd dual	aliskōdēdudiz	aliskōdēdīdiz
1st plural	aliskōdēdum	aliskōdēdīm
2nd plural	aliskōdēdud	aliskōdēdīd
3rd plural	aliskōdēdun	aliskōdēdīn

Non-finite Forms

Infinitive	Present Participle	Past Participle
aliskōnā	aliskōndz	aliskōdaz

Descendants

- elska, ælska (Old Norse)
 - elske (Danish)
 - elska, alska (Faroese)
 - elska (Icelandic)
 - elske (Norwegian Bokmål)
 - elske, elska (Norwegian Nynorsk)
 - elsk (Scots)

- elska, ælska (Old Norse)
 - ælska (Old Swedish)
 - älska (Swedish)

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