

***aljana¹** Runic: 𐌰 𐌰 𐌵 𐌰 𐌰 𐌰 Pronunciation: /'al.ja.nã/
noun · neuter · a-stem

Meanings

1. zeal, eagerness
2. strength, courage

Etymology

Of uncertain origin. Kroonen analyzes the noun as a neuter formation in **-ana-* and compares Hittite 𐎠 𐎡 𐎢 𐎣 / 𐎠 𐎡 𐎢 (ḫalai-i /ḫa-la-a-i/, ḫali- /ḫa-li/) < Proto-Indo-European **h₂l-oi-*/**h₂l-i-* (Kloekhorst 2008: 271; Kroonen 2013: 23). His further comparison with Ancient Greek ἰάλλω (*iállō*) is doubtful, since Beekes (2010: 572) instead derives the Greek verb from PIE **sel-*. An older comparison with Latin *alacer* is also uncertain, but de Vaan (2008: 32) concedes that the noun could be from the root underlying Latin *ambulāre* < PIE **h₂elh₂-*, thereby possibly connecting it with the Hittite word.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	aljana	aljanō
Acc.	aljana	aljanō
Gen.	aljanas, aljanis	aljanô
Dat.	aljanai	aljanamaz
Inst.	aljanō	aljanamiz
Voc.	aljana	aljanō

Descendants

***alljan** (Proto-West Germanic)

ellen (Old English)

ellen (Middle English)

ellen, elne (English)

***alljan** (Proto-West Germanic)

ellān, eillan, ellian (Old High German)

ellen (Middle High German)

***alljan** (Proto-West Germanic)

ellian (Old Saxon)

ellen, ellent (Middle Low German)

eljan, eljun (Old Norse)

eljan, eljun, elja (Icelandic)

𐌰𐌶𐌵𐌰𐌽 (aljan) (Gothic)

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