

***ana-** Runic: 𐰇𐰆𐰇 Pronunciation: /'a.na/

prefix

Function

on, onto; against, along, up (used especially as a preverb and first member of compounds)

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **h₂en-*, probably extended by the directional/local particle **-o* to form **h₂en-o* ~ **h₂en-ó*, or alternatively from **h₂en-h₂*, with vocalization of final **h₂* (Kroonen 2013: 26). Proto-Germanic **ana-* preserves the older full form that was reduced to **an* in independent use. Cognate with Proto-Indo-Iranian **Haná*, continued by Avestan 𐬨𐬀𐬯𐬭𐬀 (*ana*), as well as Ancient Greek ἀνά (*aná*) and Proto-Italic **ana* (de Vaan 2008: 36; Dunkel 2014: 50–54).

Descendants

***ana-** (Proto-West Germanic)

ana- (Old Dutch)

aan- (Dutch)

***ana-** (Proto-West Germanic)

an-, on- (Old English)

on- (Middle English)

on-, an-, a- (English)

***ana-** (Proto-West Germanic)

an- (Old Frisian)

an- (Saterland Frisian)

oan- (West Frisian)

***ana-** (Proto-West Germanic)

ana- (Old High German)
 ane-, an- (Middle High German)
 an- (German)

***ana-** (Proto-West Germanic)

ana- (Old Saxon)
 ane- (Middle Low German)
 an- (Low German)

á- (Old Norse)

á- (Icelandic)

𐌰𐌶𐌰- (**ana-**) (Gothic)

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