

***anana** Runic: ᚱᚠᚱᚱᚱ Pronunciation: /'a.na.nã/

verb · Strong class 6

Meanings

to breathe

Etymology

From pre-Germanic **h₂énh₁-e-*, a thematicized full-grade continuation of the Proto-Indo-European root **h₂énh₁-* (Kroonen 2013: 27; Rix et al. 2001: 267–68). Germanic evidence is sparse: the verb is reconstructed mainly from Gothic *𐌺𐌵𐌶𐌹* (*uzōn*). Ringe (2017: 274–75) places **anana* among the vowel-initial Strong class 6 verbs whose preterite singular developed a long vowel through contraction of the reduplicating and root syllables, which he reconstructs as trimoric **ōn-* specifically in the preterite indicative singular, beside ordinary **ōn-* in the remainder of the preterite paradigm. Fulk (2018: 259), following Mailhammer (2007: 89–103, especially 94–95) and Schumacher (2005: 597–98), acknowledges the long vowel derived from reduplication of the initial laryngeal, but posits the length as a simple bimoric vowel in both singular and plural. The absence of **-nn-* is noteworthy, since **anana* provides a counterexample to the proposed Germanic development **-nH-* > **-nn-*: inherited **-nh₁-* instead gives simple **-n-* here (Scheungraber 2010: 84–85). Cognate with Sanskrit *अनिति* (*ániti*) and Proto-Celtic **ana-*, the latter probably showing the semantic development ‘breathe, exhale’ > ‘rest, pause’ > ‘remain’ (Matasović 2009a: s.v. **ana-*; Rix et al. 2001: 267–68). Compare also Ancient Greek *ἀνεμος* (*ánemos*), and Latin *animus*, derivatives of the same PIE root (Rix et al. 2001: 267 n. 1).

Conjugation

Present active

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive	Imperative
1st singular	anō	anaŭ	—
2nd singular	anizi	anaiz	an
3rd singular	anidi	anai	anadau
1st dual	anōz	anaiw	—
2nd dual	anadiz	anaidiz	anadiz
1st plural	anamaz	anaim	—
2nd plural	anid	anaid	anid
3rd plural	anandi	anain	anandau

Present passive

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	anai	—
2nd singular	anazai	anaizau
3rd singular	anadai	anaidau
1st dual	—	—
2nd dual	—	—
1st plural	anandai	anaindau
2nd plural	anandai	anaindau
3rd plural	anandai	anaindau

Past

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	ōn	ōnĭ
2nd singular	ōnt	ōnīz
3rd singular	ōn	ōnī
1st dual	ōnū	ōnīw
2nd dual	ōnudiz	ōnīdiz
1st plural	ōnum	ōnīm
2nd plural	ōnud	ōnīd
3rd plural	ōnun	ōnīn

Non-finite Forms

Infinitive	Present Participle	Past Participle
ananaꝥ	anandz	ananaz

Descendants

*𐌰𐌺𐌰𐌸 (*anan), 𐌺𐌿𐌰𐌺𐌰𐌸 (uzanan) (Gothic)

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