

***anda-** Runic: 𐌱𐌿𐌳𐌰𐌹𐌺𐌰 - Pronunciation: /'an.da/

prefix

Function

1. facing, opposite
2. against, opposing
3. reversative or separative, 'un-, de-'

Etymology

From pre-Germanic **h₂entó*, with secondary oxytone accent, probably a directional/allative formation from the Proto-Indo-European root noun **h₂énts*. Dunkel (2014: 306–11) reconstructs root-accented **h₂énto* ('opposite, against'), but the Germanic **-d-* requires oxytone accent at the time of Verner's Law; compare Ringe's parallel accent shift **h₂énti* > **h₂entí* for PGmc **andi* (Ringe 2017: 71). The original spatial sense 'facing, opposite' readily developed into 'against' and then 'away, off'. Related Indo-European forms include **h₂énti*, reflected in Hittite 𐎶𐎵𐎶𐎶 (*ha-an-za / hants/*), Ancient Greek ἀντί (*antí*), Vedic Sanskrit अन्ति (*ánti*), and Latin *ante* (de Vaan 2008: 45; Dunkel 2014: 306–11; Kloekhorst 2008: 287–89). Compare also Proto-Tocharian **ántě*, usually derived from **h₂ént-o-* and clearly belonging to the same **h₂ent-* family, though its exact formal relationship with the Germanic **h₂entó* formation is uncertain (Adams 2013: s.v. *ānte*).

Descendants

***anda-** (Proto-West Germanic)

ant- (Old Dutch)

ont-, ant- (Middle Dutch)

ont- (Dutch)

ont- (Afrikaans)

***anda-** (Proto-West Germanic)

and-, an-, ond-, on- (Old English)

an-, and-, on-, un- (English)

***anda-** (Proto-West Germanic)

***and-, und-, ant-** (Old Frisian)

änt- (Saterland Frisian)

unt-, ûnt, ûnd (West Frisian)

***anda-** (Proto-West Germanic)

ant-, anta-, int- (Old High German)

ent-, -int-, ant- (Middle High German)

ent-, emp- (German)

***anda-** (Proto-West Germanic)

and- (Old Saxon)

ent- (Middle Low German)

ent- (Low German)

and- (Old Norse)

and- (Faroese)

and- (Icelandic)

and- (Norwegian Bokmål)

and- (Norwegian Nynorsk)

𐌰𐌺𐌰𐌿- (anda-), 𐌰𐌺𐌰- (and-) (Gothic)

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