

*andaswarjana

Runic: 𐰇𐰪𐰚𐰩𐰚𐰚𐰚𐰚𐰚𐰚𐰚𐰚

Pronunciation: /ˌan.da.ˈswar.ja.nã/

verb · Weak class 1

Meanings

to answer, reply

Etymology

From **anda-* + **swarjana*, whose older sense was probably ‘speak, utter’ rather than specifically ‘swear’. The "answer" nouns Old English *andswaru* and Old Norse *andsvār* preserve this broader semantic value (Lühr 2024: s.v. *swerien*; Seebold 1970: 480–82). The base ultimately continues Proto-Indo-European **swer-*, with cognates including Sanskrit स्वरति (*svárati*) (Lühr 2024: s.v. *swerien*). Thus, **andaswarjana* meant approximately ‘speak in reply/opposition’ > ‘answer’, not necessarily ‘swear against’. The attested ‘answer’ verbs are weak, and Kroonen (2013: 496) suggests secondary denominative remodeling from the "answer" noun.

Conjugation

Present active

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive	Imperative
1st singular	andaswarjō	andaswarjau	–
2nd singular	andaswarisi	andaswarjais	andaswari
3rd singular	andaswaripi	andaswarjai	andaswarjapau
1st dual	andaswarjōs	andaswarjaiw	–
2nd dual	andaswarjapiz	andaswarjaipiz	andaswarjapiz
1st plural	andaswarjamaz	andaswarjaim	–
2nd plural	andaswarip	andaswarjaip	andaswarip
3rd plural	andaswarjanpi	andaswarjain	andaswarjanpau

Present passive

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	andaswarjai	–
2nd singular	andaswarjasai	andaswarjaisau
3rd singular	andaswarjapai	andaswarjaipau
1st dual	–	–
2nd dual	–	–
1st plural	andaswarjanpai	andaswarjainpau
2nd plural	andaswarjanpai	andaswarjainpau
3rd plural	andaswarjanpai	andaswarjainpau

Past

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	andaswōr	andaswōrĭ
2nd singular	andaswōrt	andaswōrīz
3rd singular	andaswōr	andaswōrī
1st dual	andaswōrū	andaswōrīw
2nd dual	andaswōrudiz	andaswōrīdiz
1st plural	andaswōrum	andaswōrīm
2nd plural	andaswōrud	andaswōrīd
3rd plural	andaswōrun	andaswōrīn

Non-finite Forms

Infinitive	Present Participle	Past Participle
andaswarjanaꝥ	andaswarjandz	andaswuranaz

Descendants

- andswerian, andswarian (Old English)
 - answaren, answeren (Middle English)
 - answer (English)

ondswera (Old Frisian)

- andsvara (Old Norse)
 - ansvare (Danish)
 - answar (Elfdalian)
 - ansvar' (Gutnish)
 - andsvara (Icelandic)
 - ansvara (Swedish)

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