

***andawurdija**

Runic: ᚠ ᚢ ᚦ ᚧ ᚨ ᚱ ᚲ ᚷ ᚹ ᚻ ᚾ

Pronunciation: /'an.da.,wur.ði.jǎ/

noun · neuter · ja-stem

Meanings

answer, reply

Etymology

From **anda-* + **wurdq* + **(i)jq*, literally ‘counter-speech, words spoken in return’. The suffix belongs to the neuter *ja*-stems continuing Proto-Indo-European *-yo-*, with **-i-* from Sievers’ law ((Fulk 2018: 150). Kluge (1989: s.v. *Antwort*) compares Gothic *ṛNDṛYṛNDṛDI* (*andawaurdi*), Old English *andwyrde*, Old Saxon *andwordi*, and Old High German *antwurti*, noting the sense ‘speech’ in the second member. Krahe and Meid (1969: 44) identify **-ja-* as a neuter collective and, more generally, a composition suffix in prefixed nouns. Orel (2003: 475) reconstructs an underlying derivative ***wurdija* (‘speech’) from **wurdq*.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	andawurdija	andawurdijō
Acc.	andawurdija	andawurdijō
Gen.	andawurdijas, andawurdīs	andawurdijô
Dat.	andawurdijai	andawurdijamaz
Inst.	andawurdijō	andawurdijamiz
Voc.	andawurdija	andawurdijō

andwyrde (Old English)

*antwurdi, andwarde (Old Dutch)

antworde, antwoorde, antwerde (Middle Dutch)

antjwaord, antjwaordj (Limburgish)

urdi (Proto-West Germanic)

*antwurdi, andwarde (Old Dutch)

antworde, antwoorde, antwerde (Middle Dutch)

antwoord (Dutch)

antwoord (Afrikaans)

i (Proto-West Germanic)

ondwarde, antwerde, ontwert, ondert, onder (Old Frisian)

Oantwoud (Saterland Frisian)

andwird, antwurd, antwird, andert (West Frisian)

wurdi (Proto-West Germanic)

antworti, antwurti (Old High German)

antwortte (Middle High German)

Antwort (German)

Äntwert (Luxembourgish)

ענטפער (entfer) (Yiddish)

Ward (Proto-West Germanic)

andwurdi, andwordi (Old Saxon)

antworde, antwōrde, antword (Middle Low German)

Antwoord (Low German)

Auntwuat (Plautdietsch)

Old Norse)

andyrði (Icelandic)

𐌲𐌶𐌿𐌸𐌰𐌹𐍃 (andawaurdi) (Gothic)

Related Words

Words mentioned in this entry

*-(i)ja suffix *anda- prefix *wurdə noun