

***andō** Runic: 𐌰𐌿𐌳𐌰 Pronunciation: /'an.dɔː/

noun · feminine · ō-stem

Meanings

vestibule, entrance hall; hallway

Etymology

Usually reconstructed from a hysterodynamic Proto-Indo-European **h₂-stem*, **h₂énHt-h₂* (nom. sg.) ~ **h₂nHt-éh₂-m* (acc. sg.) ~ **h₂nHt-h₂ós* (gen. sg.) (de Vaan 2003: 136). The base **h₂enHt-* may contain a *t*-stem element rather than represent a primary root (Jakob 2024: 169 n. 25). Cognate with Sanskrit आन्ता (*ātā*), Latin *antae*, and Old Armenian դրանդի (*drandi*) (Kroonen 2013: 31; Martirosyan 2010: 74–77). Kroonen reconstructs a Verner alternation **anþō-* ~ **andō-* on the basis of Old Norse *qnn* ~ *qnd*, deriving the alternation from the mobile accent of PIE **h₂énHt-h₂* ~ **h₂nHt-h₂-ós*. The evidence is uncertain, however, since *qnn* appears to rest on a disputed interpretation of a single occurrence in *Skírnismál* 31, where it may instead be the unrelated noun ‘work, harvest season’ (Jónsson 1932: *Skírnismál*, v. 31). If so, only *qnd* securely continues this lexeme, and the reconstructed Verner alternation remains speculative. Orel’s alternative comparison with the Proto-Indo-European root **h₂ent-* is semantically attractive, but a direct derivation does not account as readily for the internal laryngeal or the Indo-Iranian, Italic, and Armenian evidence; any more remote relationship between the two formations remains uncertain (Orel 2003: 18).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	andō	andôz
Acc.	andō	andōz
Gen.	andōz	andô
Dat.	andōi	andōmaz
Inst.	andō	andōmiz
Voc.	andō	andôz

Descendants

and (Old Norse)

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