

***angô²** Runic: 𐌱𐌰𐌶𐌵 Pronunciation: /ˈaŋ.ɡoː/

noun · masculine · an-stem

Meanings

smell, scent, odor

Etymology

Etymology uncertain. Traditionally compared with Old Armenian անյն (*anjn*) and derived from an extended form Proto-Indo-European **h₂enh₁-ǵ^h* from root **h₂enh₁-*, perhaps through **h₂en(h₁)ǵ^h-ō*; the comparison is semantically attractive and has been accepted by several authorities (Martirosyan 2010: 93–94; Meyer 2023: 192; Olsen 1999: 120; Orel 2003: 19). The root **h₂enh₁-* itself is securely established (compare Sanskrit अनिति (*ániti*), Proto-Celtic **anatlā*, and Proto-Germanic **ananq*), but these forms support only the root, not the proposed **-ǵ^h* extension (Matasović 2009a: 35; Rix et al. 2001: 267). Newer research casts doubt on the Armenian equation: Kölligan (2022: 41–44) instead compares Old Armenian անյն (*anjn*) to the Germanic *n*-stem **angan-* (= **angô¹*), deriving that set from PIE **h₂emǵ^h-*/**h₂enǵ^h-*, while Kim (2024: 71–72, n. 21) notes that the traditional derivation of անյն (*anjn*) and ON *angi* from **h₂enh₁-* requires an unmotivated *-ǵ^h* extension. The Germanic ‘smell’ noun itself is directly represented only by Old Norse *angi*, so its deeper Indo-European etymology should remain tentative (Orel 2003: 19).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	angô	anganiz
Acc.	anganų	anganunz
Gen.	anginiz	anganô
Dat.	angini	angammaz
Inst.	anginė	angammiz
Voc.	angô	anganiz

Descendants

- angi (Old Norse)
- ange (Danish)

angi (Icelandic)

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