

***ankijō** Runic: 𐌰𐌿𐌵𐌺𐌰 Pronunciation: /'aŋ.ki.jō:/

noun · feminine · ōn-stem

Meanings

a joint or articulated part of the body, especially the ankle or heel; probably also the nape of the neck

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **h₂eng-yéh₂*, from **h₂eng-* (Kroonen 2013: 29, s.v. **ankjōn-*) with the *-i-* from Siever's Law due to the heavy root. The weak *ōn*-stem inflection is probably secondary within Germanic, where *jōn*-stems formed a subtype of the productive feminine *ōn*-stems and inherited feminine vowel stems were readily transferred to this declension (Fulk 2018: 171–72). Particularly close is Vedic Sanskrit अङ्ग (*áṅga*); related formations include Sanskrit अङ्गुरि (*aṅgúri*) and Latin *angulus*, while Ancient Greek ἄγκών (*ankōn*) belongs to the closely related **h₂enk-* root (Beekes 2010: 12–13, s.v. ἄγκύλος; de Vaan 2008: 42–43; Kroonen 2013: 28–29, s.vv. **angan-*, **ankjōn-*; Kümmel 2016: 223; Rix et al. 2001: 268). The exact preform is not entirely secure: **h₂eng-* may represent a voiced variant beside **h₂enk-*, and Kümmel (2016: 223) suggests that the Germanic **ank-* forms may continue an inherited root variant represented directly by Vedic अङ्ग (*áṅga*) rather than simply belonging to the **h₂enk-* group.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	ankijō	ankijōniz
Acc.	ankijōnu	ankijōnunz
Gen.	ankijōniz	ankijōnô
Dat.	ankijōni	ankijōmaz
Inst.	ankijōnē	ankijōmiz
Voc.	ankijō	ankijōniz

Descendants

*ankijā (Proto-West Germanic)

anka, anca, enka, enca (Old High German)

άντζα (ántza) (Byzantine Greek)

*ankijā (Proto-West Germanic)

anka, anca, enka, enca (Old High German)

anke (Middle High German)

Anke (German)

Halsanke (Swabian)

ekkja (Old Norse)

ekkja (Icelandic)

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