

**\*anstiz** Runic: 𐌱𐌰𐌽𐌿𐌶𐌰 Pronunciation: /'an.stiz/

noun · feminine · i-stem

## Meanings

favor, grace; affection, love

## Etymology

A feminine *i*-stem verbal abstract in *\*(s)ti-* related to *\*unnanq*, whose stem alternation *\*ann-* ~ *\*unn-* ultimately continues Proto-Indo-European *\*h<sub>3</sub>neh<sub>2</sub>-*; compare Ancient Greek ὀνίνημι (*onínēmi*) (Kroonen 2013: 30, 560; Mees 2022a: 289–90; Rix et al. 2001: 302–03; Scheungraber 2010: 94–96). The origin of the *\*s* is disputed: *\*anstiz* may contain an inherited *\*-sti-* formation, as explicitly assumed by Mihaylova (2020: 16) (*\*h<sub>3</sub>enh<sub>2</sub>-sti*), but the sibilant may instead have arisen secondarily where the dental abstract suffix followed geminate *\*nn* (Mees 2022a: 289–90; Krahe & Meid 1969: 163–68; Scheungraber 2010: 87–90). The Greek form supports the PIE root connection but has undergone substantial remodeling (Rix et al. 2001: 302–03; Scheungraber 2010: 94–96).

## Declension

| Case  | Singular | Plural   |
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| Nom.  | anstiz   | anstīz   |
| Acc.  | anstĭ    | anstinz  |
| Gen.  | anstīz   | anstijô  |
| Dat.  | anstī    | anstimaz |
| Inst. | anstī    | anstimiz |
| Voc.  | ansti    | anstīz   |

# Descendants

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\***ansti** (Proto-West Germanic)

**anst** (Old Dutch)

**ēst, enst** (Old Frisian)

**anst** (Old Saxon)

\***ansti** (Proto-West Germanic)

**ǣst, ēst** (Old English)

**este** (Middle English)

**est** (English)

\***ansti** (Proto-West Germanic)

**anst** (Old High German)

**anst** (Middle High German)

**ást, ǫst** (Old Norse)

**ast** (Danish)

**ást** (Faroese)

**ást** (Icelandic)

**åst** (Norwegian Bokmål)

**åst** (Norwegian Nynorsk)

**ast** (Swedish)

**𐌰NSTS (ansts)** (Gothic)

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