

***-ana¹** Runic: 𐰇 𐰆 𐰇 Pronunciation: /a.nã/

suffix · forms verbs

Function

forms infinitive of strong verbs

Etymology

Originally a verbal noun formation, from Proto-Indo-European *-o-no-m, from *-o- (thematic vowel) + *-no-m (neuter verbal noun suffix). Compare Sanskrit दानम् (*dānam*) and Latin *donum* from PIE **déh₃-no-m* (Ringe 2017: 209). The few athematic verbs in Proto-Germanic used the suffix without the thematic vowel, *-nq (compare **beunq*, **gānq*). Cognate with Sanskrit -अन (*-ana*).

Conjugation

This suffix was no longer productive in Proto-Germanic. Strong verbs consist of four principal parts: the present stem (1), the past (preterite) indicative singular stem (2), the past (preterite) subjunctive and indicative plural stem (3), and the past participle (4). The seven strong verb classes differ in how their principal parts are formed.

Paradigm

Present active

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive	Imperative
1st singular	1 -ō	1 -aų	-
2nd singular	1 -izi	1 -aiz	1 -
3rd singular	1 -idi	1 -ai	1 -adau
1st dual	1 -ōz	1 -aiw	-
2nd dual	1 -adiz	1 -aidiz	1 -adiz
1st plural	1 -amaz	1 -aim	-
2nd plural	1 -id	1 -aid	1 -id
3rd plural	1 -andi	1 -ain	1 -andau

Present passive

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	1 -ai	-
2nd singular	1 -azai	1 -aizau
3rd singular	1 -adai	1 -aidau
1st dual	-	-
2nd dual	-	-
1st plural	1 -andai	1 -aindau
2nd plural	1 -andai	1 -aindau
3rd plural	1 -andai	1 -aindau

Past

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	2 -	3 -ī
2nd singular	2 -t	3 -īz
3rd singular	2 -	3 -ī
1st dual	3 -ū	3 -īw
2nd dual	3 -udiz	3 -īdiz
1st plural	3 -um	3 -īm
2nd plural	3 -ud	3 -īd
3rd plural	3 -un	3 -īn

Non-finite Forms

Infinitive	Present Participle	Past Participle
-anaȝ	3 -andz	4-anaz

Descendants

*-an (Proto-West Germanic)

-an (Old Dutch)

-en (Middle Dutch)

-en (Dutch)

*-an (Proto-West Germanic)

-an (Old English)

-en (Middle English)

-en (obsolete) (English)

-en, -in (Middle Scots)

*-an (Proto-West Germanic)

-a (Old Frisian)

-e (North Frisian)

-e (Saterland Frisian)

-e (West Frisian)

***-an** (Proto-West Germanic)

-an (Old High German)

-en (Middle High German)

-e (Alemannic German)

-n (Bavarian)

-e (Central Franconian)

-en, -n (East Central German)

-en (German)

-en (Luxembourgish)

-e (Rhine Franconian)

ײַן (**-n**) (Yiddish)

***-an** (Proto-West Germanic)

-an (Old Saxon)

-en (Middle Low German)

-en (Low German)

-a (Old Norse)

-a (Faroese)

-a (Icelandic)

-a (Norwegian Nynorsk)

-a (Swedish)

-a (Old Norse)

-e (Danish)

-e (Norwegian Bokmål)

-𐌶𐌵 (-an) (Gothic)

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