

***-ana²** Runic: 𐌰 𐌰 𐌰 Pronunciation: /a.nã/

suffix · forms verbs

Function

forms infinitive of preterite-present 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

Preterite-present verbs consist of three principal parts: the present singular indicative stem (2), the sub-junctive and indicative plural present stem (3), and the past stem (5).

Paradigm

Present active

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive	Imperative
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	-

Present passive

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	-	-
2nd singular	-	-
3rd singular	-	-
1st dual	-	-
2nd dual	-	-
1st plural	-	-
2nd plural	-	-
3rd plural	-	-

Past

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	5 -ō	5 -ēdī
2nd singular	5 -ēz	5 -ēdīz
3rd singular	5 -ē	5 -ēdī
1st dual	5 -ēdū	5 -ēdīw
2nd dual	5 -ēdudiz	5 -ēdīdiz
1st plural	5 -ēdum	5 -ēdīm
2nd plural	5 -ēdud	5 -ēdīd
3rd plural	5 -ēdun	5 -ēdīn

Non-finite Forms

Infinitive	Present Participle	Past Participle
-ana	3-andz	5-az

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 (Luxem-bourgish)

-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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