

***-atjana** Runic: ᚱᚢᚱᚰᚱᚰᚱᚰ Pronunciation: /at.ja.nã/

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Function

1. forms weak class I verbs from nouns and adjectives, with meanings such as ‘make X’, ‘become X’, ‘act as X’, or ‘treat as X’, similar in function to modern English “-ize”
2. forms intensive, frequentative, or iterative verbs from verbal bases

Etymology

From Proto-Germanic **-atja-* + infinitive marker **-nq*. The suffix belongs with Proto-Germanic **-atja-* / **-itja-*, a Weak class 1 verb-forming type whose final **-ja-* continues the inherited Indo-European *y*-present / denominative-factitive suffix **-yé/ó-* ([Ringe 2017: 201, 323](#)). The preceding **-at-* is the PGmc reflex of a pre-Germanic dental stem element **-ad-* or thematicized **-od-*. The suffix was probably formed from **-yo-* verbs that had earlier nominal stems ending in **-d-* or **-do-*, where the original function of the dental element was as an extension to a root or stem ([Krahe & Meid 1969: §193](#)). Ancient Greek suffixes *-άζω (-ázō)* and *-ίζω (-ízō)* and the PGmc suffix are formally and functionally similar; however, both systems may have developed in parallel from similar earlier Indo-European patterns of dental stem extensions with **-yé/ó-* verbal derivations ([Krahe & Meid 1969: §193](#)).

Paradigm

Present active

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive	Imperative
1st singular	-atjō	-atjaų	—
2nd singular	-atisi	-atjais	-ati
3rd singular	-atipi	-atjai	-atjaþau
1st dual	-atjōs	-atjaiw	—
2nd dual	-atjaþiz	-atjaiþiz	-atjaþiz
1st plural	-atjamaz	-atjaim	—
2nd plural	-atip	-atjaiþ	-atip
3rd plural	-atjanþi	-atjain	-atjanþau

Present passive

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	-atjai	—
2nd singular	-atjasai	-atjaisau
3rd singular	-atjaþai	-atjaiþau
1st dual	—	—
2nd dual	—	—
1st plural	-atjanþai	-atjainþau
2nd plural	-atjanþai	-atjainþau
3rd plural	-atjanþai	-atjainþau

Past

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	-astō	-astēdī
2nd singular	-astēz	-astēdīz
3rd singular	-astē	-astēdī
1st dual	-astēdū	-astēdīw
2nd dual	-astēdudiz	-astēdīdiz
1st plural	-astēdum	-astēdīm
2nd plural	-astēdud	-astēdīd
3rd plural	-astēdun	-astēdīn

Non-finite Forms

Infinitive	Present Participle	Past Participle
-atjanaȝ	-atjandz	-atidaz

Descendants

- *-attjan (Proto-West Germanic)
 - ettan, -etan, -tan (Old English)
 - thouten, yeten, grunten, spouten (Middle English)
 - yeet, grunt, fidget, spout, botch, haunt, -et (English)

- *-attjan (Proto-West Germanic)
 - azzen, -ezzen (Old High German)
 - ezzen, -zen, -sen (Middle High German)
 - zen, -sen (German)

- ta (Old Norse)
 - ta (Faroese)
 - ta (Icelandic)
 - ta (Norwegian Nynorsk)

- ta (Old Norse)

-te (Danish)

-te (Norwegian Bokmål)

-ta (Old Norse)

-ta (Old Swedish)

-ta (Swedish)

-𐌱𐌴𐌱𐌰 (-atjan) (Gothic)

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