

***blinkana** Runic:  Pronunciation: /'bliŋ.ka.nã/

verb · Strong class 3

Meanings

1. to shine, glitter, twinkle
2. to blink, wink

Etymology

Only marginally attested (Middle Low German, Middle Dutch blinken, preterite blinkte/blonk, early 1600s CE) as both a strong and weak verb; though it stands to reason that the weak verb more likely developed from the strong, rather than vice versa.

A speculative Proto-Indo-European origin would be from *b^hli-né-ǵ-ti ~ *b^hli-n-ǵ-énti, from *b^hli-n-ǵ-, a nasal-infix present formed from root *b^hleyǵ- ('to shine') (whence also Proto-Germanic *blīkana ('to gleam, shine')).

Conjugation

Present active

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive	Imperative
1st singular	blinkō	blinkau	—
2nd singular	blinkizi	blinkaiz	blink
3rd singular	blinkidi	blinkai	blinkadau
1st dual	blinkōz	blinkaiw	—
2nd dual	blinkadiz	blinkaidiz	blinkadiz
1st plural	blinkamaz	blinkaim	—
2nd plural	blinkid	blinkaid	blinkid
3rd plural	blinkandi	blinkain	blinkandau

Present passive

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	blinkai	—
2nd singular	blinkazai	blinkaizau
3rd singular	blinkadai	blinkaidau
1st dual	—	—
2nd dual	—	—
1st plural	blinkandai	blinkaindau
2nd plural	blinkandai	blinkaindau
3rd plural	blinkandai	blinkaindau

Past

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	blank	blunkĭ
2nd singular	blanht	blunkīz
3rd singular	blank	blunkī
1st dual	blunkū	blunkīw
2nd dual	blunkudz	blunkīdz
1st plural	blunkum	blunkīm
2nd plural	blunkud	blunkīd
3rd plural	blunkun	blunkīn

Non-finite Forms

Infinitive	Present Participle	Past Participle
blinkanaȝ	blinkandz	blunkanaz

Descendants

***blinkan** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***blinkan** (Old Dutch)

blinken (Middle Dutch)

blinken (Dutch)

blink (Afrikaans)

***blinkan** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***blincan** (Old English)

blenken, blynken (Middle English)

blink, blenk (Scots)

***blinkan** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***blincan** (Old English)

blenken, blynken (Middle English)

blink (English)

***blinkan** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***blinka** (Old Frisian)

blinkje (Saterland Frisian)

blinke (West Frisian)

***blinkan** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***blinkan** (Old Saxon)

blinken (Middle Low German)

blinken (Low German)

***blinkan** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***blinkan** (Old Saxon)

blinken (Middle Low German)

blinken (German)

blinke (Danish)

blinke (Norwegian)

blinka, blänka (Swedish)

***blinkan** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***blinkan** (Old Saxon)

blinken (Middle Low German)

blinkeren (Middle Low German)

blinkern (Low German)

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