

**\*brestana** Runic:  Pronunciation: /'bres.ta.nã/

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## Meanings

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to burst, break, sunder, split, crack

## Etymology

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Uncertain. Possibly from Proto-Indo-European *\*b<sup>h</sup>rés-t-e/o-*, from root *\*b<sup>h</sup>res-* ('to burst, break, crack, crackle, split, separate') with a *t*-extension (see Pokorny 1959); he also notes reflexes without the *-t-* and with *-k-*). Possibly related to PIE root *\*b<sup>h</sup>rews-* ('break'). Possible cognates are Proto-Celtic *\*brestā* ('fight, combat') (Matasović 2009a) and its many reflexes and Lithuanian *braškėti* ('to crack, clatter, make a breaking sound'). (Beekes 2010) also connects this root to Ancient Greek *φάρσος* (*phársos*) (*phársos*, 'any piece cut off, portion') and Hittite  /  /  /  /  /  /  (pa-ar-aš / pa-ar-ši / pa-ar-ši-ya / parš- / parši- / parši-ya-, 'to break; crumble; violate a boundary') and its nominal counterpart,  /  (pa-ar-ša / parša-, 'a morsel or fragment'), which are a good phonological and semantic fit.

# Conjugation

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## Present active

| Person       | Indicative | Subjunctive | Imperative |
|--------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| 1st singular | breſtō     | breſtaŷ     | –          |
| 2nd singular | bristizi   | breſtaiz    | breſt      |
| 3rd singular | bristidi   | breſtai     | breſtadau  |
| 1st dual     | breſtōz    | breſtaiw    | –          |
| 2nd dual     | breſtadiz  | breſtaidiz  | breſtadiz  |
| 1st plural   | breſtamaz  | breſtaim    | –          |
| 2nd plural   | bristid    | breſtaid    | bristid    |
| 3rd plural   | breſtandi  | breſtain    | breſtandau |

## Present passive

| Person       | Indicative | Subjunctive |
|--------------|------------|-------------|
| 1st singular | breſtai    | –           |
| 2nd singular | breſtaſai  | breſtaizau  |
| 3rd singular | breſtadai  | breſtaidau  |
| 1st dual     | –          | –           |
| 2nd dual     | –          | –           |
| 1st plural   | breſtandai | breſtaindau |
| 2nd plural   | breſtandai | breſtaindau |
| 3rd plural   | breſtandai | breſtaindau |

Past

| Person       | Indicative | Subjunctive |
|--------------|------------|-------------|
| 1st singular | brast      | brustĭ      |
| 2nd singular | brast      | brustĭz     |
| 3rd singular | brast      | brustĭ      |
| 1st dual     | brustū     | brustīw     |
| 2nd dual     | brustudz   | brustīdiz   |
| 1st plural   | brustum    | brustīm     |
| 2nd plural   | brustud    | brustīd     |
| 3rd plural   | brustun    | brustīn     |

Non-finite Forms

| Infinitive               | Present Participle      | Past Participle |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| bre <span>stana</span> ą | bre <span>standz</span> | brustanaz       |

Descendants

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

**brestana** (Old Dutch)

**bersten, barsten** (Middle Dutch)

**barsten, bersten** (Dutch)

**bars** (Afrikaans)

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

**berstan** (Old English)

**bresten, bersten** (Middle English)

**burst, bust** (English)

**brist, bryst** (Scots)

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

**brisier, briser, debrisier** (Old French)

**briser, debriser** (Middle French)

            \***brisen, briselen** (Middle Dutch)

**verbrijzelen** (Dutch)

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

**bersta** (Old Frisian)

**baast** (North Frisian)

**bäärste** (Saterland Frisian)

**barste, boarste** (West Frisian)

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

\***brestan, prestan, \*bristan** (Old High German)

**brēsten, bresten** (Middle High German)

**bresten, bersten** (German)

**baschten** (Luxembourgish)

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

\***brestan** (Old Saxon)

**bersten, barsten, borsten** (Middle Low German)

**barsten, basten** (Low German)

**bresta** (Old Norse)

**briste** (Danish)

**bresta** (Faroese)

**bresta** (Icelandic)

**briste** (Norwegian Bokmål)

**breste** (Norwegian Nynorsk)

**bresta** (Old Norse)

**brista, bræsta** (Old Swedish)

**brista** (Swedish)

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