

***brējana** Runic:  Pronunciation: /'bre:.ja.nã/

verb · Weak class 1

Meanings

1. to roast
2. to smell

Etymology

Uncertain. Possibly from pre-Germanic **b^hreh₁-yo-no-m*, a Weak class 1 formation built from Proto-Indo-European **b^hreh₁-*, an extended form of **b^her-* / **b^hrewH-* ('to boil, brew') ([Lehmann 1986b: s.v. *breun*](#)). The Middle High German verb was weak, but this was likely originally a strong verb, given the ablaut in related terms such as **brōana* ('to singe, warm, brew'). Closely related to **brēdana* ('to warm, heat, broil; roast (meat)'), from the same root (with a resultative *-d^hh₁-* extension). Possible cognates are Sanskrit भुरति (*bhurāti*) (*bhurāti*, 'to palpitate, quiver, stir'), Ancient Greek πορφύρεω (*porphŭrō*) (*porphŭrō*, 'to heave, boil, surge up'), Latin *fretum* ('strait; turmoil') and *ferveō* ('to be hot, burn, boil').

Conjugation

Present active

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive	Imperative
1st singular	brējō	brējau	—
2nd singular	brēisi	brējais	brēi
3rd singular	brēipi	brėjai	brējaþau
1st dual	brējōs	brėjaiw	—
2nd dual	brējaþiz	brējaipiz	brējaþiz
1st plural	brējamaz	brėjaim	—
2nd plural	brēip	brējaip	brēip
3rd plural	brējanþi	brėjain	brējanþau

Present passive

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	brėjai	—
2nd singular	brējasai	brėjaisau
3rd singular	brējaþai	brējaipau
1st dual	—	—
2nd dual	—	—
1st plural	brējanþai	brėjainþau
2nd plural	brējanþai	brėjainþau
3rd plural	brējanþai	brėjainþau

Past

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	brēidō	brēidēdī
2nd singular	brēidēz	brēidēdīz
3rd singular	brēidē	brēidēdī
1st dual	brēidēdū	brēidēdīw
2nd dual	brēidēdudiz	brēidēdīdiz
1st plural	brēidēdum	brēidēdīm
2nd plural	brēidēdud	brēidēdīd
3rd plural	brēidēdun	brēidēdīn

Non-finite Forms

Infinitive	Present Participle	Past Participle
brējanaȝ	brējandz	brēidaz

Descendants

- ***brājan** (Proto-West Germanic)
 - bræyen** (Middle Dutch)
 - bræjen** (Middle High German)
- breen** (Crimean Gothic)

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