

***fehtana** Runic: 𐌿𐌚𐌛𐌰𐌿𐌴𐌹 Pronunciation: /'fex.ta.nã/

verb · Strong class 3

Meanings

1. to comb, detangle
2. to struggle (with), fight
3. to shear

Etymology

From a t-extended thematic present, Late Proto-Indo-European *pék-t-e/o-, from root *pek- ('to pluck (wool, hair). Cognate with Latin *pectō* ('to comb; (figuratively) to give someone a thrashing, thrash') and possibly Ancient Greek *πεκτέω* (*pektéō*) (*pektéō*, 'to shear, clip') ([Rix et al. 2001](#)). The simple thematic formation in Lithuanian *pešù*, *pèšti* 'to pluck, pull out' is parallel to Ancient Greek *πέκω* (*pékō*) (*pékō*, 'to comb, card; to shear') (also compare Lithuanian reflexive *pèstis* 'to fight, beat each other' with a similar semantic development as in Proto-Germanic, which likely represents the original formation; (see [Matasović 2017](#)).

Conjugation

Present active

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive	Imperative
1st singular	fehtō	fehtau	—
2nd singular	fihtizi	fehtaiz	feht
3rd singular	fihtidi	fehtai	fehtadau
1st dual	fehtōz	fehtaiw	—
2nd dual	fehtadiz	fehtaidiz	fehtadiz
1st plural	fehtamaz	fehtaim	—
2nd plural	fihtid	fehtaid	fihtid
3rd plural	fehtandi	fehtain	fehtandau

Present passive

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	fehtai	—
2nd singular	fehtazai	fehtaizau
3rd singular	fehtadai	fehtaidau
1st dual	—	—
2nd dual	—	—
1st plural	fehtandai	fehtaindau
2nd plural	fehtandai	fehtaindau
3rd plural	fehtandai	fehtaindau

Past

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	faht	fuhtī
2nd singular	fahst	fuhtīz
3rd singular	faht	fuhtī
1st dual	fuhtū	fuhtīw
2nd dual	fuhtudz	fuhtīdiz
1st plural	fuhtum	fuhtīm
2nd plural	fuhtud	fuhtīd
3rd plural	fuhtun	fuhtīn

Non-finite Forms

Infinitive	Present Participle	Past Participle
fehtanaꝥ	fehtandz	fuhtanaz

Descendants

***fehtan** (Proto-West Germanic)

fehtan (Old Dutch)

vechten (Middle Dutch)

vechte (Limburgish)

vichten (West Flemish)

***fehtan** (Proto-West Germanic)

fehtan (Old Dutch)

vechten (Middle Dutch)

vechten (Dutch)

veg (Afrikaans)

***fehtan** (Proto-West Germanic)

feohtan (Old English)

fighten, fehten, feghten, feighten, fihhtenn, fiȝten (Middle English)

fight (English)

fecht, ficht (Scots)

***fehtan** (Proto-West Germanic)

fiuchta, fiuhta (Old Frisian)

fjuchte (Saterland Frisian)

fjochtsje, fjuchte (West Frisian)

***fehtan** (Proto-West Germanic)

fehtan (Old High German)

vēhten (Middle High German)

fēchte (Alemannic German)

***fehtan** (Proto-West Germanic)

fehtan (Old High German)

vēhten (Middle High German)

fechten (German)

***fehtan** (Proto-West Germanic)

fehtan (Old Saxon)

vechten (Middle Low German)

fægte (Danish)

fechten (Low German)

fekte (Norwegian)

fächtje (Saterland Frisian)

fäkta (Swedish)

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