

***flaihana** Runic: 𐰆𐰇𐰈𐰉𐰊𐰋𐰌𐰍 Pronunciation: /'flaj̥.xa.nã/

verb · Strong class 7a

Meanings

1. to comfort, entreat
2. to fondle, caress

Etymology

Uncertain. From earlier *plaihana. Speculatively, from *tloyk-e/o- (a thematicized intensive present), from root **telk*-('to thrust, strike') with a semantic change to a lighter touch or caress. In this case, it would be related to Latvian *tālka* ('help; assistance') which is very close to the Proto-Germanic meaning 'comfort, entreat'. (Adams 1999) links the Balto-Slavic terms to Tocharian B *telki* ('sacrifice') from PIE *tolko. Possibly related to *flaihaz ('false, insidious').

Conjugation

Present active

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive	Imperative
1st singular	flaihō	flaihaṽ	—
2nd singular	flaihizi	flaihaiz	flaih
3rd singular	flaihidi	flaihai	flaihadau
1st dual	flaihōz	flaihaiw	—
2nd dual	flaihadiz	flaihaidiz	flaihadiz
1st plural	flaihamaz	flaihaim	—
2nd plural	flaihid	flaihaid	flaihid
3rd plural	flaihandi	flaihain	flaihandau

Present passive

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	flaihai	—
2nd singular	flaihazai	flaihaizau
3rd singular	flaihadai	flaihaidau
1st dual	—	—
2nd dual	—	—
1st plural	flaihandai	flaihaindau
2nd plural	flaihandai	flaihaindau
3rd plural	flaihandai	flaihaindau

Past

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	feflaih	feflaihĭ
2nd singular	feflaiht	feflaihīz
3rd singular	feflaih	feflaihī
1st dual	feflaihū	feflaihīw
2nd dual	feflaihudiz	feflaihīdiz
1st plural	feflaihum	feflaihīm
2nd plural	feflaihud	feflaihīd
3rd plural	feflaihun	feflaihīn

Non-finite Forms

Infinitive	Present Participle	Past Participle
flaihanaꝥ	flaihandz	flaihanaz

Descendants

***flaihan** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***flēn** (Old Dutch)

vlēen (Middle Dutch)

vleien (Dutch)

***flaihan** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***flā** (Old Frisian)

flaaie (West Frisian)

***flaihan** (Proto-West Germanic)

flēhan, flēhôn (Old High German)

flēhen (Middle High German)

flehen (German)

***flaihan** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***flēhan, flēon** (Old Saxon)

vlên (Middle Low German)

***𐌱𐌹𐌿𐌺𐌰𐌽 (*þlaihan)** (Gothic)

𐌲𐌹𐌱𐌹𐌿𐌺𐌰𐌽 (gaþlaihan) (Gothic)

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