

***ga-** Runic: - Pronunciation: /ɣɑ/

prefix

Function

1. Indicates association or togetherness; co-.
2. Indicates completeness or wholeness. In verbs, also indicates perfectivity (a finished action). In nouns, expresses intensive or perfective meaning.

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **kóm* ('with, near, by, along'). Cognate with Latin co-, con-, prefix forms of cum ('with'). The irregular change from expected ***ha-* to **ga-* is probably due to either due to influence from Proto-Indo-European **g^ho-* or the original prefix itself being considered "unstressed" by Germanic speakers, which would activate Verner's law and cause the shift (Compare **uz*).

Descendants

***ga-** (Proto-West Germanic)

gi-, ge- (Old Dutch)

ghe-, ge-, i-, y- (Middle Dutch)

ge-, e- (West Flemish)

***ga-** (Proto-West Germanic)

gi-, ge- (Old Dutch)

ghe-, ge-, i-, y- (Middle Dutch)

ge- (Dutch)

ge- (Afrikaans)

***ga-** (Proto-West Germanic)

ge-, i-, gæ-, gi-, ie-, - ()-, - () (Old English)

ge-, ȝe-, i-, y- (Middle English)

a-, y-, i- (English)

ee- (Yola)

***ga-** (Proto-West Germanic)

ge-, gi-, je-, ie-, e-, i-, a- (Old Frisian)

ge- (Saterland Frisian)

ge- (West Frisian)

***ga-** (Proto-West Germanic)

gi-, ga-, ki-, ka- (Old High German)

ge- (Middle High German)

g-, ge- (Alemannic German)

g- (Bavarian)

ge-, g- (German)

ge- (Luxembourgish)

gy- (Vilamovian)

גא (ge-) (Yiddish)

***ga-** (Proto-West Germanic)

gi-, i-, ge-, ga- (Old Saxon)

ge- (Middle Low German)

ge-, e-, je- (Low German)

g- (Old Norse)

gnógr, glíkr, greiðr, greiða, granni (Old Norse)

𐌿𐌳- (ga-) (Gothic)

***ga-** (Vandalic)

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