

***ginnanaŋ** Runic:  Pronunciation: /'ɣin.nɑ.nǎ/

verb · Strong class 3

Meanings

1. to begin
2. to make an opening, to cut open

Etymology

Unclear, the root has often been traced to Proto-Indo-European **g^hed-* ('to take'), e.g. by LIV. Kroonen and Scheungraber take it to be from Proto-Indo-European **ken-* ('to arise, begin'), with the prefix inducing voicing by Verner's law. Cognates would then include Proto-Slavic **načęti* ('to begin') and Proto-Celtic **kentus* ('first'). If the meaning 'to cut open' is original, the verb could be related to **gīnanaŋ* ('to gape, to yawn') from Proto-Indo-European **g^hh₂ey-*.

Conjugation

Present active

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive	Imperative
1st singular	ginnō	ginnaŭ	—
2nd singular	ginnizi	ginnaiz	ginn
3rd singular	ginnidi	ginnai	ginnadau
1st dual	ginnōz	ginnaiw	—
2nd dual	ginnadiz	ginnaidiz	ginnadiz
1st plural	ginnamaz	ginnaim	—
2nd plural	ginnid	ginnaid	ginnid
3rd plural	ginnandi	ginnain	ginnandau

Present passive

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	ginnai	—
2nd singular	ginnazai	ginnaizau
3rd singular	ginnadai	ginnaidau
1st dual	—	—
2nd dual	—	—
1st plural	ginnandai	ginnaindau
2nd plural	ginnandai	ginnaindau
3rd plural	ginnandai	ginnaindau

Past

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	gann	gunnī
2nd singular	gannt	gunnīz
3rd singular	gann	gunnī
1st dual	gunnū	gunnīw
2nd dual	gunnudiz	gunnīdiz
1st plural	gunnum	gunnīm
2nd plural	gunnud	gunnīd
3rd plural	gunnun	gunnīn

Non-finite Forms

Infinitive	Present Participle	Past Participle
ginnanaȝ	ginnandz	gunnanaz

Descendants

- *anaginnan (Proto-West Germanic)
 - *anaginnan (Old High German)
 - aneginnen (Middle High German)
- *andaginnan (Proto-West Germanic)
- *biginnan (Proto-West Germanic)
- *gaginnan (Proto-West Germanic)
 - giginnan (Old High German)
- *gaginnan (Proto-West Germanic)
 - *gaginnan (Old Saxon)
 - geginnen (Middle Low German)
- *inginnan (Proto-West Germanic)
 - inginnan (Old English)
- *undarginnan (Proto-West Germanic)

underginnan (Old English)

***urginnan** (Proto-West Germanic)

āginnan (Old Dutch)

āginnan (Old English)

ÐUGINNAN (duginnan) (Gothic)

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