

***helpana** Runic:  Pronunciation: /'xel.pa.nã/

verb · Strong class 3

Meanings

to help

Etymology

Appears to derive from a Proto-Indo-European *kelb-, *kelp- ('to help'), with Lithuanian *šėlpti* ('to help, support') as a cognate; however, there are subtle phono-grammatical issues (for which see Kroonen for more), in addition to the seemingly-related Lithuanian *gėlbėti* ('to help') being phonetically irreconcilable with regular sound laws.

Conjugation

Present active

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive	Imperative
1st singular	helpō	helpaŭ	—
2nd singular	hlpizi	helpaiz	help
3rd singular	hlpidi	helpai	helpadau
1st dual	helpōz	helpaiw	—
2nd dual	helpadiz	helpaidiz	helpadiz
1st plural	helpamaz	helpaim	—
2nd plural	hlpid	helpaid	hlpid
3rd plural	helpandi	helpain	helpandau

Present passive

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	helpai	—
2nd singular	helpazai	helpaizau
3rd singular	helpadai	helpaidau
1st dual	—	—
2nd dual	—	—
1st plural	helpandai	helpaindau
2nd plural	helpandai	helpaindau
3rd plural	helpandai	helpaindau

Past

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	halp	hulpĭ
2nd singular	halft	hulpĭz
3rd singular	halp	hulpĭ
1st dual	hulpū	hulpīw
2nd dual	hulpudz	hulpīdz
1st plural	hulpum	hulpīm
2nd plural	hulpud	hulpīd
3rd plural	hulpun	hulpīn

Non-finite Forms

Infinitive	Present Participle	Past Participle
helpana	helpandz	hulpanaz

Descendants

***helpan** (Proto-West Germanic)

helpan (Old Dutch)

helpen (Middle Dutch)

hèlpe (Limburgish)

***helpan** (Proto-West Germanic)

helpan (Old Dutch)

helpen (Middle Dutch)

helpen (Dutch)

help (Afrikaans)

helpu (Berbice Creole Dutch)

hèlep, ngèlep (Caribbean Javanese)

helpen (Javindo)

hälpe (Jersey Dutch)

help (Negerhollands)

halp (Skepi Creole Dutch)

***helpan** (Proto-West Germanic)

helpan (Old English)

helpen, help, elp, helpi, healpe, heolpe, halpen, hælpan (Middle English)

help (English)

help (Scots)

help (Yola)

***helpan** (Proto-West Germanic)

helpa (Old Frisian)

? (North Frisian)

hölpe (Saterland Frisian)

helpe (West Frisian)

***helpan** (Proto-West Germanic)

helfan, hēlpān (Old High German)

helfen (Middle High German)

hellepe (Central Franconian)

hölfan (Cimbrian)

helfen (German)

hëllefen (Luxembourgish)

העלפן (helfn) (Yiddish)

***helpan** (Proto-West Germanic)

helpan (Old Saxon)

helpen (Middle Low German)

helpen (Low German)

helpen, hölpēn, hülpen (German Low German)

hjalpa (Old Norse)

hjálpá (Faroese)

hjálpá (Icelandic)

hjelpe (Norwegian Bokmål)

hjelpa, hjalpa, hjálpa, hjølpa, hjòlpa, helpa (Norwegian Nynorsk)

hjalpa (Old Norse)

hiælpæ, hialpæ (Old Danish)

hjælpe (Danish)

hjalpa (Old Norse)

hiælpa (Old Swedish)

hjälpa (Swedish)

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***kēlbat'ak** (Proto-Finnic)

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