

***hniwana** Runic:  Pronunciation: /'xni:.wa.nã/

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Meanings

to bow

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **kneyg^{wh}-* (‘to bend, to droop’). Perhaps cognate with Latin *coniveo* (‘to close up the eyes; to connive, turn a blind eye’) due to matching phonetics, but the semantic gap is wide.

Conjugation

Present active

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive	Imperative
1st singular	hniwō	hniwaų	—
2nd singular	hniwizi	hniwaiz	hniw
3rd singular	hniwidi	hniwai	hniwadau
1st dual	hniwōz	hniwaiw	—
2nd dual	hniwadiz	hniwaidiz	hniwadiz
1st plural	hniwamaz	hniwaim	—
2nd plural	hniwid	hniwaid	hniwid
3rd plural	hniwandi	hniwain	hniwandau

Present passive

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	hnīwai	—
2nd singular	hnīwazai	hnīwaizau
3rd singular	hnīwadai	hnīwaidau
1st dual	—	—
2nd dual	—	—
1st plural	hnīwandai	hnīwaindau
2nd plural	hnīwandai	hnīwaindau
3rd plural	hnīwandai	hnīwaindau

Past

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	hnaiw	hniwī
2nd singular	hnaiwt	hniwīz
3rd singular	hnaiw	hniwī
1st dual	hnigū	hniwīw
2nd dual	hnigudiz	hniwīdiz
1st plural	hnigum	hniwīm
2nd plural	hnigud	hniwīd
3rd plural	hnigun	hniwīn

Non-finite Forms

Infinitive	Present Participle	Past Participle
hnīwana	hnīwandz	hniwanaz

Descendants

***hnīgan** (Proto-West Germanic)

hnīgan (Old English)

hnīga (Old Frisian)

***hnīgan** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***nīgan** (Old Dutch)

nigen (Middle Dutch)

niege (Limburgish)

***hnīgan** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***nīgan** (Old Dutch)

nigen (Middle Dutch)

nijgen (Dutch)

nyg (Afrikaans)

***hnīgan** (Proto-West Germanic)

nīgan (Old High German)

nīgen (Middle High German)

neigen (German)

***hnīgan** (Proto-West Germanic)

hnīgan (Old Saxon)

nīgen (Middle Low German)

? (Proto-Norse)

hníga (Old Norse)

níga (Faroese)

hníga (Icelandic)

nige (Norwegian Bokmål)

? (Proto-Norse)

hníga (Old Norse)

nīgha (Old Swedish)

niga (Swedish)

niiata (Finnish)

hneiƿan (**hneiwan**) (Gothic)

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