

***-itjana** Runic: | ↑ ↘ ↑ ↑ ↑ Pronunciation: /it.ja.nã/

verb · Weak class 1

Function

1. forms weak class I verbs from nouns and adjectives, with meanings such as ‘make X’, ‘become X’, ‘act as X’, or ‘treat as X’, similar in function to modern English “-ize”
2. forms intensive, frequentative, or iterative verbs from verbal bases

Etymology

From Proto-Germanic **-itja* + infinitive marker **-na*. The suffix belongs with Proto-Germanic **-atja* / **-itja*, a Weak class 1 verb-forming type whose final **-ja* continues the inherited Indo-European y-present/denominative-factitive suffix **-yé/ó-* (Ringe 2017: 201). The preceding **-it-* is from pre-Germanic **-id-*, from older nominal stems in **-d-* or thematicized **-do-*, to which **-yé/ó-* was added. Krahe & Meid (1969: §193) argue that the original basis of Germanic **-itja* was a verbal **-yo-*-derivative of a nominal “**d-*stem”, where **-d-* served a similar function to that of a **-t-* extension. The comparison between Ancient Greek *-άζω (-ázō)* and *-ίζω (-ízō)*, both of which are also formed from dental stems like **-ad-/*-id-* + **-yō-*, is both formally and functionally attractive. Krahe & Meid note, however, that the fact that these forms are so similar does not indicate that they represent a shared inheritance by Germanic and Greek (Krahe & Meid 1969: §193). The related nominal suffix PGmc **-atja* / **-itja* appears secondarily in action nouns and abstracts, apparently on the model of verbal nouns from **-atjana* / **-itjana* verbs (Krahe & Meid 1969: §133).

Conjugation

Present active

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive	Imperative
1st singular	-itjō	-itjaṽ	—
2nd singular	-itisi	-itjais	-iti
3rd singular	-itiṽi	-itjai	-itjaṽau
1st dual	-itjōs	-itjaiw	—
2nd dual	-itjaṽiz	-itjaiṽiz	-itjaṽiz
1st plural	-itjamaz	-itjaim	—
2nd plural	-itiṽ	-itjaiṽ	-itiṽ
3rd plural	-itjanṽi	-itjain	-itjanṽau

Present passive

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	-itjai	—
2nd singular	-itjasai	-itjaisau
3rd singular	-itjapai	-itjaiṽau
1st dual	—	—
2nd dual	—	—
1st plural	-itjanpai	-itjainṽau
2nd plural	-itjanpai	-itjainṽau
3rd plural	-itjanpai	-itjainṽau

Past

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	-istō	-istēdī
2nd singular	-istēs	-istēdīs
3rd singular	-istē	-istēdī
1st dual	-istēdū	-istēdīw
2nd dual	-istēdudiz	-istēdīdiz
1st plural	-istēdum	-istēdīm
2nd plural	-istēdud	-istēdīd
3rd plural	-istēdun	-istēdīn

Non-finite Forms

Infinitive	Present Participle	Past Participle
-itjana	-itjandz	-itidaz

Descendants

*-ittjan (Proto-West Germanic)

-ettan (Old English)

-izzen (Old High German)

-𐌿𐌿𐌶𐌰 (-itjan) (Gothic)

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