

***-nana** Runic: 𐌺𐌵𐌵𐌵 Pronunciation: /na.nã/

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Function

forms intransitive fientive or inchoative verbs, usually with the sense ‘to become X, come into the state X’; often deadjectival or deverbal

Etymology

From Early Proto-Germanic **-nō-* ~ **-na-* + **-nq* (infinitive suffix), ultimately from Proto-Indo-European **-néh₂-* ~ **-nh₂-*, the nasal-present suffix that arose by reanalysis of nasal-infixed presents to laryngeal-final roots. The suffix formed chiefly fientive or inchoative intransitives in PGmc, often from zero-grade verbal bases or adjectives ([Ringe 2017: 201–203](#)). Cognate or closely parallel formations include -𐌺𐌵- / -𐌵- (*-nā-/-nī-*), Old Irish *-na-*, Baltic *-in-/-ina-*, and Proto-Slavic **-nqti*.

Note

This suffix was preserved as a separate class only in Gothic. In Old High German, it mostly merged with the third weak class, while in the other descendants it merged with the second weak class.

Paradigm

Present active

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive	Imperative
1st singular	-nō	-naṣ	—
2nd singular	-nōsi	-nais	-nō
3rd singular	-nōḅi	-nai	-nōḅau
1st dual	-nōs	-naiw	—
2nd dual	-naḅiz	-naiḅiz	-naḅiz
1st plural	-namaz	-naim	—
2nd plural	-naḅ	-naiḅ	-naḅ
3rd plural	-nanḅi	-nain	-nanḅau

Present passive

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	-nōdō	-nōdēdī
2nd singular	-nōdēz	-nōdēdīz
3rd singular	-nōdē	-nōdēdī
1st dual	-nōdēdū	-nōdēdīw
2nd dual	-nōdēdudiz	-nōdēdīdiz
1st plural	-nōdēdum	-nōdēdīm
2nd plural	-nōdēdud	-nōdēdīd
3rd plural	-nōdēdun	-nōdēdīn

Past

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	-nōdō	-nōdēdī
2nd singular	-nōdēz	-nōdēdīz
3rd singular	-nōdē	-nōdēdī
1st dual	-nōdēdū	-nōdēdīw
2nd dual	-nōdēdudiz	-nōdēdīdiz
1st plural	-nōdēdum	-nōdēdīm
2nd plural	-nōdēdud	-nōdēdīd
3rd plural	-nōdēdun	-nōdēdīn

Non-finite Forms

Infinitive	Present Participle	Past Participle
-nana	-nandz	-

Descendants

*-nan (Proto-West Germanic)

-nian (Old English)

-nen, -enen (Middle English)

-en (English)

-in (Scots)

*-nan (Proto-West Germanic)

-nēn (Old High German)

-na (Old Norse)

-ne (Danish)

-na (Faroese)

-na (Icelandic)

-na (Swedish)

-na (Old Norse)

-ne (Norwegian Bokmål)

-na (Norwegian Nynorsk)

-𐌺𐌿𐌽 (-nan) (Gothic)

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