

***-ndz** Runic: 𐌲𐌵𐌿 Pronunciation: /ndz/

suffix · forms nouns · masculine · consonant stem

Function

forms masculine agent nouns from verbs, especially lexicalized substantives of the present participle, denoting a habitual or characteristic agent

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **-ónt-s*, the active present participle suffix. In Proto-Germanic, these inherited participles could be substantivized as agent nouns. Fulk (2018: 178–79) treats these “*nd*-stems” as substantivized PIE present participles in **-nt-*, while Ringe (2017: 224) is more cautious, noting that the productive participial system was remodeled differently in the daughter branches and that it may be rash to project a separate fossilized **-nd-* agent-noun class fully back into Proto-Germanic; nevertheless, the source is clearly participial. The suffix is cognate with Sanskrit -अन्त्-/-अत्- (*-ant-/-at-*), Ancient Greek -ων (*-ōn*) ~ -οντος (*-ontos*), and Latin *-ēns* ~ *-entis*-, all from the same PIE present participial formation.

Paradigm

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	-ndz	-ndiz
Acc.	-ndų	-ndunz
Gen.	-ndiz	-ndô
Dat.	-ndi	-ndumaz
Inst.	-ndē	-ndumiz
Voc.	-nd	-ndiz

Descendants

*-andi, *-andī (Proto-West Germanic)
-and, -end, -ende (Old English)
-ynge, -ing, -inge, -ingge, -yng, -yngge, -end, -ende, -inde, -ynde, -and, -ande, -and, -end, -ant, -nd (Middle English)
-and, -ing, -in', -in (English)
*-andi, *-andī (Proto-West Germanic)
-and, -end, -ende (Old English)
-ynge, -ing, -inge, -ingge, -yng, -yngge, -end, -ende, -inde, -ynde, -and, -ande, -and, -end, -ant, -nd (Middle English)
-and, -an (Middle Scots)
-in, -an (Scots)
*-andi, *-andī (Proto-West Germanic)
-nt, -unt, -ant, -endi, -enti, -anti (Old High German)
-nt, -ant, -ent, -ende (Middle High German)
-end (German)
*-andi, *-andī (Proto-West Germanic)
-und, -and, -ond (Old Saxon)
-end, -ant, -ent (Middle Low German)
-end (Low German)
-andi (Old Norse)
-andi (Faroese)
-andi (Icelandic)
-ande (Norwegian Nynorsk)
-andi (Old Norse)
-ende (Danish)
-ende (Norwegian Bokmål)
-andi (Old Norse)
-andi, -ande (Old Swedish)
-ande, -ende (Swedish)
-nōs (-nds) (Gothic)

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