

***serþana** Runic:  Pronunciation: /'ser.θa.nã/

verb · Strong class 3

Meanings

to hit; to violate sexually (apparently linked with rape, homosexuality and bestiality)

Etymology

Kroonen reconstructs Proto-Indo-European *sert- ('to hit (?); to rub against, move obliquely against'). Compare Hittite  (*šar-ta-i*) ('to wipe, rub') and perhaps Welsh *serth* ('obscene'). Kloekhorst meanwhile argues for *serd^hH- based on Hittite.

Conjugation

Present active

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive	Imperative
1st singular	serþō	serþau	–
2nd singular	sirþizi	serþaiz	serþ
3rd singular	sirþidi	serþai	serþadau
1st dual	serþōz	serþaiw	–
2nd dual	serþadiz	serþaidiz	serþadiz
1st plural	serþamaz	serþaim	–
2nd plural	sirþid	serþaid	sirþid
3rd plural	serþandi	serþain	serþandau

Present passive

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	serpai	–
2nd singular	serpazai	serpaizau
3rd singular	serpadai	serpaidau
1st dual	–	–
2nd dual	–	–
1st plural	serpandai	serpaindau
2nd plural	serpandai	serpaindau
3rd plural	serpandai	serpaindau

Past

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	sarþ	surdĩ
2nd singular	sarst	surdĩz
3rd singular	sarþ	surdĩ
1st dual	surdū	surdīw
2nd dual	surdudz	surdīdz
1st plural	surdum	surdīm
2nd plural	surdud	surdīd
3rd plural	surdun	surdīn

Non-finite Forms

Infinitive	Present Participle	Past Participle
serþaṇą	serpandz	surdanaz

Descendants

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serða (Old Norse)

| **serða** (Icelandic)

| **særþa** (Old Swedish)

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