

## \*skertana

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Pronunciation: /'sker.ta.nã/

verb · Strong class 3

## Meanings

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1. to cut off
2. to leap, jump, spring
3. to jest, joke

## Etymology

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Perhaps originally \*\*skerdana, from Proto-Indo-European \*skerd<sup>h</sup>-, whence also Proto-Germanic \*skardaz ('cut-up, damaged'), with the root-final consonant influenced by the iterative counterpart \*skurt(t)ōna. Perhaps ultimately from Proto-Indo-European *\*(s)ker-* ('to cut off'); see the derivative \*skurtaz ('short').

Possibly from a Proto-Indo-European *\*(s)kerd-* ('to move, sway, swing'), and related to Sanskrit कूर्दति (*kūrdati*) (kūrdati, 'to spring'), Ancient Greek κradáō (*kradáō*) (kradáō, 'to swing').

# Conjugation

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## Present active

| Person       | Indicative | Subjunctive | Imperative |
|--------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| 1st singular | skertō     | skertaŭ     | –          |
| 2nd singular | skirtizi   | skertaiz    | skert      |
| 3rd singular | skirtidi   | skertai     | skertadau  |
| 1st dual     | skertōz    | skertaiw    | –          |
| 2nd dual     | skertadiz  | skertaidiz  | skertadiz  |
| 1st plural   | skertamaz  | skertaim    | –          |
| 2nd plural   | skirtid    | skertaid    | skirtid    |
| 3rd plural   | skertandi  | skertain    | skertandau |

## Present passive

| Person       | Indicative | Subjunctive |
|--------------|------------|-------------|
| 1st singular | skertai    | –           |
| 2nd singular | skertazai  | skertaizau  |
| 3rd singular | skertadai  | skertaidau  |
| 1st dual     | –          | –           |
| 2nd dual     | –          | –           |
| 1st plural   | skertandai | skertaindau |
| 2nd plural   | skertandai | skertaindau |
| 3rd plural   | skertandai | skertaindau |

Past

| Person       | Indicative | Subjunctive |
|--------------|------------|-------------|
| 1st singular | skart      | skurtĭ      |
| 2nd singular | skarst     | skurtīz     |
| 3rd singular | skart      | skurtī      |
| 1st dual     | skurtū     | skurtīw     |
| 2nd dual     | skurtudz   | skurtīdz    |
| 1st plural   | skurtum    | skurtīm     |
| 2nd plural   | skurtud    | skurtīd     |
| 3rd plural   | skurtun    | skurtīn     |

Non-finite Forms

| Infinitive | Present Participle | Past Participle |
|------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| skertanaġ  | skertandz          | skurtanaz       |

Descendants

**scharten** (Dutch)

\***skērzan** (Old High German)

**schērzen** (Middle High German)

\***sċiertan** (Old English)

**schurten, schurtten** (Middle English)

\***sċyrtan** (Old English)

**schurten, schurtten** (Middle English)

\***skērzan** (Old High German)

**scherzare** (Italian)

\***skērzan** (Old High German)

**schērzen** (Middle High German)

**schèrtzan** (Cimbrian)

**scherzen** (German)

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