

*slinkana

Runic: ᚱᚲᚲᚰᚲᚲᚰᚲᚲ

Pronunciation: /'sliŋ.ka.nã/

verb · Strong class 3

Meanings

to creep; crawl; slink

Etymology

Close to the synonym *slingwana, though with some formal difficulty. Presumably degeminated from earlier *slenkk-, from pre-Germanic *slŋk-né(h₂)- or similar with a return to the full grade, from Proto-Indo-European **slenk-* ('to wind, twist, slink, creep') (or perhaps *slenk^w-); this could explain the different coda stop reflexes without needing to assume two separate PIE roots. Related to Lithuanian *slīŋkti* ('to creep, sneak'). Perhaps partly sound-symbolic or onomatopoeic.

Conjugation

Present active

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive	Imperative
1st singular	slinkō	slinkau	–
2nd singular	slinkizi	slinkaiz	slink
3rd singular	slinkidi	slinkai	slinkadau
1st dual	slinkōz	slinkaiw	–
2nd dual	slinkadiz	slinkaidiz	slinkadiz
1st plural	slinkamaz	slinkaim	–
2nd plural	slinkid	slinkaid	slinkid
3rd plural	slinkandi	slinkain	slinkandau

Present passive

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	slinkai	–
2nd singular	slinkazai	slinkaizau
3rd singular	slinkadai	slinkaidau
1st dual	–	–
2nd dual	–	–
1st plural	slinkandai	slinkaindau
2nd plural	slinkandai	slinkaindau
3rd plural	slinkandai	slinkaindau

Past

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	slank	slunkĭ
2nd singular	slanht	slunkĭz
3rd singular	slank	slunkĭ
1st dual	slunkū	slunkĭw
2nd dual	slunkudz	slunkĭdz
1st plural	slunkum	slunkĭm
2nd plural	slunkud	slunkĭd
3rd plural	slunkun	slunkĭn

Non-finite Forms

Infinitive	Present Participle	Past Participle
slinkanaȝ	slinkandz	slunkanaz

Descendants

slincan (Old English)
slynken (Middle English)
slink (English)
slink (Scots)
*slinka (Old Frisian)
slinke (Saterland Frisian)
slinke (West Frisian)
*slinkan (Old Saxon)
slinken (Middle Low German)
slinken (Low German)
*slinkan (Old Dutch)
slinken (Middle Dutch)
slinken (Dutch)

***slinka** (Old Norse)

| **slinke, slink', slinka** (Gutnish)

***slinka** (Old Norse)

| **slinka** (Old Swedish)

| **slinka** (Swedish)

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