

## \*sterbana

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Pronunciation: /'ster.βa.nã/

verb · Strong class 3

## Meanings

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1. to become stiff
2. to die, become lifeless

## Etymology

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From Proto-Indo-European *\*sterb<sup>h</sup>-* ('to be stiff, become stiff'); cognate with Ancient Greek *στέρφνιος* (*stérphnios*) (*stérphnios*, 'hard, firm, tight').

Another theory derives the verb from Proto-Indo-European *\*(s)terp-* ('to lose force; lose sensibility, become numb; be dead, be motionless'), connecting Latin *torpeō*.

# Conjugation

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## Present active

| Person       | Indicative | Subjunctive | Imperative |
|--------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| 1st singular | sterbō     | sterbaų     | –          |
| 2nd singular | stirbizi   | sterbaiz    | sterb      |
| 3rd singular | stirbidi   | sterbai     | sterbadau  |
| 1st dual     | sterbōz    | sterbaiw    | –          |
| 2nd dual     | sterbadiz  | sterbaidiz  | sterbadiz  |
| 1st plural   | sterbamaz  | sterbaim    | –          |
| 2nd plural   | stirbid    | sterbaid    | stirbid    |
| 3rd plural   | sterbandi  | sterbain    | sterbandau |

## Present passive

| Person       | Indicative | Subjunctive |
|--------------|------------|-------------|
| 1st singular | sterbai    | –           |
| 2nd singular | sterbazai  | sterbaizau  |
| 3rd singular | sterbadai  | sterbaidau  |
| 1st dual     | –          | –           |
| 2nd dual     | –          | –           |
| 1st plural   | sterbandai | sterbaindau |
| 2nd plural   | sterbandai | sterbaindau |
| 3rd plural   | sterbandai | sterbaindau |

Past

| Person       | Indicative | Subjunctive |
|--------------|------------|-------------|
| 1st singular | starb      | sturbĭ      |
| 2nd singular | starft     | sturbĭz     |
| 3rd singular | starb      | sturbĭ      |
| 1st dual     | sturbū     | sturbīw     |
| 2nd dual     | sturbudiz  | sturbīdiz   |
| 1st plural   | sturbum    | sturbīm     |
| 2nd plural   | sturbud    | sturbīd     |
| 3rd plural   | sturbun    | sturbīn     |

Non-finite Forms

| Infinitive | Present Participle | Past Participle |
|------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| sterbaną   | sterbandz          | sturbanaz       |

Descendants

\*sterban (Proto-West Germanic)

stervan (Old Dutch)

sterven (Middle Dutch)

stèrve (Limburgish)

\*sterban (Proto-West Germanic)

stervan (Old Dutch)

sterven (Middle Dutch)

sterven (Dutch)

sterf, sterwe (Afrikaans)

\*sterban (Proto-West Germanic)

steorfan (Old English)

sterven, sterve (Middle English)

starve, sterve (English)

sterve (Scots)

\***sterban** (Proto-West Germanic)

**sterva** (Old Frisian)

**stíerve** (Saterland Frisian)

**stjerre** (West Frisian)

\***sterban** (Proto-West Germanic)

**sterban** (Old High German)

**sterben** (Middle High German)

**steerbe, sterbe** (Alemannic German)

**sterbn** (Bavarian)

**sterben** (German)

**sterrve** (Hunsrik)

**stierwen** (Luxembourgish)

**שטאַרבן (shtarbn)** (Yiddish)

\***sterban** (Proto-West Germanic)

**stervan** (Old Saxon)

**sterven, starven** (Middle Low German)

**staarven, stiärven, starven, sterven** (Low German)

**stoawen** (Plautdietsch)

**styrfinn** (Old Norse)

**stirvin** (Faroese)

**stirfinn** (Icelandic)

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