

***writana** Runic: ᚦᚱᚲᚢᚳᚢᚰᚢᚳᚢᚰ Pronunciation: /'wri:.ta.nã/

verb · Strong class 1

Meanings

1. to scratch, carve
2. to engrave, inscribe, write

Etymology

Of unclear origin.

Kroonen derives the root from a Proto-Indo-European **wreyd-*, with no known cognates outside of Germanic. The only one who has since attempted to find cognates in this vein is Matasović, who links this root to Latin *rīdeō* ('to laugh').

Pokorny and Lehmann suggest that the root is a d-extension of a Proto-Indo-European **wer-* ('to cut, scratch'), for which see Old Armenian գիր (gir, 'letter; writing') for more possible cognates. Latin *rīma* ('cleft, crack') may also continue this same root. However, as with the unrelated **wlītaŋ* (q.v.), the extension may have been with a different dental consonant than **d* in the case of back-influence from iterative **writtōna*.

Compare typologically Latin *scribō*, Ancient Greek *σκάριφος* (*skárip̥hos*) (skárip̥hos) < Proto-Indo-European **(s)kreybʰ-*; Ancient Greek *γράφω* (*gráphō*) (gráphō) < Proto-Indo-European **gerbʰ-*; Russian начертание (načertánije), черт́ить (čertít') < < Proto-Indo-European **(s)ker-*.

Conjugation

Present active

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive	Imperative
1st singular	wrītō	wrītaŭ	—
2nd singular	wrītizi	wrītaiz	wrīt
3rd singular	wrītidi	wrītai	wrītadau
1st dual	wrītōz	wrītaiw	—
2nd dual	wrītadiz	wrītaidiz	wrītadiz
1st plural	wrītamaz	wrītaim	—
2nd plural	wrītīd	wrītaid	wrītīd
3rd plural	wrītandi	wrītain	wrītandau

Present passive

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	wrītai	—
2nd singular	wrītazai	wrītaizau
3rd singular	wrītadai	wrītaidau
1st dual	—	—
2nd dual	—	—
1st plural	wrītandai	wrītaindau
2nd plural	wrītandai	wrītaindau
3rd plural	wrītandai	wrītaindau

Past

Person	Indicative	Subjunctive
1st singular	wrait	writġ
2nd singular	wraist	writġz
3rd singular	wrait	writī
1st dual	writū	writīw
2nd dual	writudz	writīdz
1st plural	writum	writīm
2nd plural	writud	writīd
3rd plural	writun	writīn

Non-finite Forms

Infinitive	Present Participle	Past Participle
writanaġ	writandz	writanaz

Descendants

***writan** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***writan** (Old Dutch)

writen (Middle Dutch)

wrijten (Dutch)

***writan** (Proto-West Germanic)

writan (Old English)

writen (Middle English)

write (English)

writ, wryte, wret (Scots)

***writan** (Proto-West Germanic)

writa (Old Frisian)

riete (Saterland Frisian)

write (West Frisian)

- rīzan**, 𐀃𐀱𐀹𐀺𐀓 (wrait), 𐀃𐀱𐀹𐀺𐀓𐀓 (wraet) (Old High German)
- rīzen** (Middle High German)
- räissen** (Luxembourgish)

- rīzan, ꝛꝛꝛ|↑ (**wrait**), ꝛꝛꝛꝛ↑ (**wraet**) (Old High German)
 - rīzen (Middle High German)
 - reißen (German)
 - ridse (Danish)

rīzan, ꝛꝛꝛ | ↑ (**wrait**), ꝛꝛꝛꝛ↑ (**wraet**) (Old High German)
rīzen (Middle High German)
rysować (Polish)
рысавáць (**rysavácʼ**) (Belarusian)
рисовáть (**risovátʼ**) (Russian)
писувáти (**rysuváty**) (Ukrainian)

- wrītan** (Old Saxon)
- rīten** (Middle Low German)
- rieten** (Low German)

ríta, rita (Old Norse)
rita (Faroese)
rita (Icelandic)
rita (Norwegian)

- ríta, rita (Old Norse)
- ritæ (Old Danish)
- rite (Danish)

- ríta, rita** (Old Norse)
 - rita** (Old Swedish)
 - rita** (Swedish)

ríta, rita (Old Norse)
rita (Faroese)

rita (Norwegian)

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rite (Danish)

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