

Old English verb classes and subclasses and their membership.

<u>strong verbs</u>	<u>subclass membership</u> (approximate)
<u>class I</u>	
drīfan, drīfþ, drāf, drifon, drifen ‘drive’	55
snīþan, snīþ, snāþ, snidon, sniden ‘cut’	3
tīon, tīehþ, tāh, tigon, tigen ‘accuse’	5 (total 63)
<u>class II</u>	
bēodan, biett, bēad, budon, boden ‘command’	28
ċēosan, ċīest, ċēas, curon, coren ‘choose’	5
sēoþan, sīeþ, sēaþ, sudon, soden ‘boil’	1
tēon, tīehþ, tēah, tugon, togen ‘pull’	2
lūcan, lȳcþ, lēac, lucon, locen ‘close’	14 (total 50)
<u>class III</u>	
bindan, bint, band, bundon, bunden ‘tie, bind’	35
irnan, irnþ, arn, urnon, urnen ‘run’	2
helpan, hilpþ, healp, hulpon, holpen ‘help’	12
ġieldan, ġilt, ġeald, ġuldon, ġolden ‘pay’	3
fēolan, fielhþ, fealh, fulgon, folen ‘adhere’	1
weorpan, wierpþ, wearp, wurpon, worpen ‘throw’	15
weorþan, wierþ, wearþ, wurdon, worden ‘become’	1
þerscan, þirscþ, þærsc, þurscon, þorscen ‘thresh’	4
frīġnan, friġnþ, fræġn, frugnon, frugnen ‘ask’	1
spurnan, spyrnþ, spearn, spurnon, spornen ‘tread’	2 (total 76)
<u>class IV</u>	
beran, birþ, bær, bæron, boren ‘carry, bear’	10
scieran, scirþ, scear, scēaron, scoren ‘cut, shear’	1
niman, nimþ, nam, nōmon, numen ‘take’	1
cuman, cymþ, cwōm, cwōmon, cumen ‘come’	1 (total 13)
<u>class V</u>	
metan, mitt, mæt, mæton, meten ‘measure’	13
cweþan, cwipþ(þ), cwæþ, cwædon, cweden ‘speak’	1
ġiefan, ġifþ, ġeaf, ġēafon, ġiefen ‘give’	2
etan, itt, æt, æton, eten ‘eat’	2
ġefēon, ġefiehþ, ġefeah, ġefægon, ġefægen ‘rejoice’	2
sēon, siehþ, seah, sāwon, sewen ‘see’	1

sittan, sitt, sæt, sǣton, seten ‘sit’	2	
licgan, ligþ, læg, lǣgon, legen ‘lie’	1	(total 24)
<u>class VI</u>		
faran, færþ, fōr, fōron, faren ‘go, journey’	17	
wæcnan, wæcneþ, wōc, wōcon, — ‘waken [intr.]’	1	
standan, stent, stōd, stōdon, standen ‘stand’	1	
slēan, sliehþ, slōg, slōgon, slægen ‘kill’	4	
hebban, hef(e)þ, hōf, hōfon, hæfen ‘lift’	1	
scieppan, sciepþ, scōp, scōpon, sceapen ‘make, create’	1	
stæppan, stæpþ, stōp, stōpon, stapen ‘step’	1	
sceþþan, sceþþ, scōd, scōdon, sceaden ‘hurt’	1	
hliehhan, hliehþ, hlōg, hlōgon, — ‘laugh’	1	
swerian, swereþ, swōr, swōron, swaren ‘swear’	1	(total 29)
<u>class VII</u>		
lǣtan, lǣt, lēt, lēton, lǣten ‘let, allow’	4	
hātan, hǣt, hēt, hēton, hāten ‘command, name’	3	
hōn, hēhþ, hēng, hēngon, hangen ‘hang’	2	
hrōpan, hrēpþ, hrēop, hrēopon, hrōpen ‘call’	13	
feallan, fielþ, fēoll, fēollon, feallen ‘fall’	8	
blāwan, blǣwþ, blēow, blēowon, blāwen ‘blow’	7	
bēatan, bīet, bēot, bēoton, bēaten ‘beat’	3	
bannan, benþ, bēonn, bēonnon, bannen ‘summon’	2	
wēpan, wēpþ, wēop, wēopon, wōpen ‘cry, weep’	1	(total 43)
<u>weak verbs</u>		<u>subclass membership</u>
<u>class I</u>		
fremman, fremepþ, fremede, -don, fremed ‘make’		(numerous)
settan, sett, sette, -ton, sett ‘set’		(about twenty)
nerian, nereþ, neredede, -don, nered ‘save’		(about twenty)
lecgan, leg(e)þ, legde, -don, legd ‘lay’		1
gierwan, giereþ, gierede, -don, gier(w)ed ‘prepare’		(about half a dozen)
hīeran, hīerþ, hīerde, -don, hīered ‘hear’		(very numerous)
cēpan, cēpþ, cēpte, -ton, cēped ‘keep’		(very numerous)
cwellan, cwel(e)þ, cwealde, -don, cweald ‘kill’		5
strec̄can, strechþ, streahte, -ton, streaht ‘stretch’		7
læcc̄an, læcþ, lǣhte, -ton, lǣht ‘comprehend’		1
tǣcan, tǣcþ, tǣhte, -ton, tǣht ‘teach’		2

sēcan, sēcþ, sōhte, -ton, sōht ‘seek, look for’	1
þencan, þencþ, þōhte, -ton, þōht ‘think’	1
þyncan, þyncþ, þūhte, -ton, þūht ‘seem’	1
wyrčan, wyrçþ, worhte, -ton, worht ‘work, make’	1
bycgan, byg(e)þ, bohte, -ton, boht ‘buy’	1
<u>class II</u>	
lufian, lufaþ, lufode, -don, lufod ‘love’	(very numerous and productive)
<u>class III</u>	
habban, hæfþ, hæfde, -don, hæfd ‘have’	1
libban, liofaþ, lifde, -don, lifd ‘live’	1
secgean, sægþ, sægde, -don, sægd ‘say’	1
hycgean, hygþ (hogaþ), hogde, -don, hogod ‘think’	1
<u>strong present, weak past</u>	
bringan, bringþ, brōhte, -ton, brōht ‘bring’	1
būan, bȳþ, būde, -don, būn ‘dwell’	1
<u>preterite-present verbs</u>	
<u>class I</u>	
witan, wāt, wisse (wiste), -on, witen ‘know’	1
<u>class II</u>	
dugan, dēag, dohte, -ton, — ‘be good (for)’	1
<u>class III</u>	
cunnan, cann, cūþe, -þon, cunnen ‘know (how)’	2
þurfan, þearf, þorfte, -ton, — ‘need’	1
durran, dearr, dorste, -ton, — ‘dare’	1
<u>class IV</u>	
sculan, sceal, scolde, -don, — ‘shall’	1
gemunan, geman, gemunde, -don, gemunen ‘remember’	1
genugan, geneah, genohte, -ton, — ‘be enough’	1
<u>class VI</u>	
mōtan, mōt, mōste, -ton, — ‘must’	1
<u>class VII</u>	
āgan, āh, āhte, -ton, — ‘own’	1
<u>non-ablauting</u>	
magan, mæg, meahte, -ton, — ‘be able’	1

anomalous verbs (each with unique inflection)

willan, wile, wolde, woldon, — ‘want’

dōn, dēþ, dyde, dydon, dōn ‘do’

gān, gæþ, ēode, ēodon, gān ‘go’

bīon; eom, eart, is, sind, subj. sīe; biþ, bīoþ; wæs, wæron; — ‘be’