

FIRST – LAST

	Hitt <i>hantezzi</i> ‘first’, Lyc <i>χῆtawata</i> ‘leader’
Skrt <i>kanīna-</i> ‘young’, <i>kanyā</i> ‘girl, daughter’, Avest <i>kaine</i> ‘young’	Skrt <i>ánta-h</i> ‘end, border’, <i>antya-h</i> ‘last one’
Gk <i>καίνος</i> ‘new’ (with metathesis)	
Lat <i>re-cēns</i> ‘fresh, young, new’ (with metathesis)	Lat <i>ante</i> ‘before’
Goth <i>hindumists</i> ‘ultimate, the very last one’, OHG <i>hintana</i> , <i>hintar</i> ‘behind, after’, OEng <i>hindema</i> ‘last one’	Goth <i>and</i> ‘along’, ONors, OEng <i>and-</i> , ONG <i>ant-</i> , <i>int-</i> ‘and, against’, ONorse <i>endr</i> , <i>enn</i> ‘earlier, before, formerly’, OEng <i>end</i> ‘before’, OHG <i>enti</i> ‘earlier, formerly’
OIr <i>cenēl</i> ‘generation’, Cymr <i>cenetl</i> ‘generation, nation’, MidIr <i>cano</i> , <i>cana</i> ‘wolf cub’, Cymr <i>cenau</i> ‘puppy, wolf cub’, air. <i>cētne</i> , <i>cēt-</i> ‘first’, Cymr <i>cyn(t)</i> ‘first, before’	
Slav <i>*na-četi</i> ‘to begin’, <i>*za-četi</i> ‘to conceive (child)’, <i>*konŭ</i> ‘beginning’, <i>*koniči</i> ‘end’, <i>*cędo</i> ‘child’, <i>*šteneę</i> ‘puppy’, UpSorb <i>ščeno</i> ‘last-born child’	

Forms are from Pokorny (1959, 48-50, 563-564), wherein one can find further details. The two roots are highly productive in IE languages, and it is often acknowledged (e.g., Mallory & Adams 1997, 399) that their PIE meaning was the same. The *t*-affix is present in both nests, although among the velar-carrying words it is attested only in Latin and Celtic. Evidently the velar-carrying forms preserve the earliest *t*-less state of the word. The distribution is slightly skewed, however, for Slavic shows only velar-carrying reflexes. It seems quite logical to include here IE **k̑mtóm* (Lat *centum*, Skrt *śatám*, etc.) ‘hundred’ and to interpret it as meaning originally ‘beginning and end of cycle’. One notable detail: Slavic shows an apparent *s*-mobile in **šteneę* (< **skeneę*), which may stand in some relationship to *k̑* in the words for ‘hundred’. Otherwise, the lack of palatalization throughout the velar-carrying forms will be puzzling. One can reconstruct PIE **kHen-t-*.