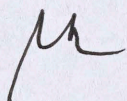


Subject: Mr. Doig: as a longtime fan of your work, I felt obliged to send this when I tumbled into it (Indo-European dictionary)

I. Variant /*deig-./ *1.* O-grade form /*doig-./ *a.* teach from Old English /tcan,/to show, instruct, from Germanic /*taikjan,/ to show; *b. * /(i)/ token , from Old English /tcen,/ /tcn,/ sign, mark; /(ii)/ betoken, from Old English /tcnian,/ to signify; /(iii)/ tetchy from Gothic /taikns,/ sign; /(iv)/ tachisme /from Old French /tache,/ /teche,/ mark, stain. /(i)-(iv)/ all from Germanic /*taiknam./ *2.* Zero-grade form /*dig-./ digit <, from Latin /digitus,/ finger (< "pointer," "indicator").

I was looking up the word 'ditty.' as a prelude to writing a poem.

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