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v.intr.

To bear young. Used of sheep and goats.

v.tr.

To give birth to (young); bear. Used of sheep and goats.

[Middle English *iyenen*, *yenen*, from Old English **geēanian* : *ge-*, verb pref.; see **kom** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *ēanian*, to bear young.]

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