Traces of the gerund ending -ant < -ando of the first conjugation were preserved along the entire Alpine ridge, in some cases more and in others less consistently, due to the isolation of that region. Endings of other conjugations were also merged with -ant. Elsewhere, originally periphrastic formations are found. In the central area, comprising Graubünden, upper and middle Valtellina, Valgerola, Valchiavenna, and part of Brianza, there developed a kind of gerund with an extended suffix -änden (parallel to -ànten). The additional -en may not represent the postposition in as proposed by Rohlfs, but rather an enclitic -en < ïnde, as in it. parl -andone, tir-andone.