

***badja** Runic: 𐰇𐰆𐰪𐰄𐰆 Pronunciation: /'bað.jã/

noun · neuter · ja-stem

Meanings

1. bed, sleeping place
2. bedding, mattress, cushion
3. (West Germanic) garden bed, plot of cultivated ground

Etymology

Uncertain. Possibly from pre-Germanic **b^hod^h(h₂)-yo-m*, a neuter **-yo-* derivative from the o-grade of Proto-Indo-European **b^hed^hh₂-*, alternatively reconstructed **b^hed^h-* (Kloekhorst 2008: 654–655, s.v. *padda*⁻ⁱ / *padd-*; Kroonen 2013: 46). Compare Latin *fodiō* and Proto-Celtic **bedo-*, continued by Middle Welsh *bedd* (Matasović 2009a: 59–60; Medrano Duque 2025: 24). The proposed development is ‘that which is dug out’ > ‘dug-out resting place’ > ‘bed’, but the semantic connection is uncertain; Proto-Finnic **patja*, an early Germanic loan, already reflects ‘bedding’ (Boutkan & Siebinga 2005: 33–34). Alternatively, Mallory & Adams (Mallory & Adams 2006: 375) derive the word from a separate homonymous **b^hed^h-* via ‘cushion’, while de Vries (de Vries 1977: 29, s.v. *beðr*) connects it with **baþq* and ultimately Proto-Indo-European **b^heh₁-*, interpreting it as ‘warm place’.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	badja	badjō
Acc.	badja	badjō
Gen.	badjas, badis	badjō̂
Dat.	badjai	badjamaz
Inst.	badjō	badjamiz
Voc.	badja	badjō

Descendants

***bad**i (Proto-West Germanic)

beddi (Old Dutch)

bedde (Middle Dutch)

bedde (French)

bèd (Limburgish)

***bad**i (Proto-West Germanic)

beddi (Old Dutch)

bedde (Middle Dutch)

bed (Dutch)

bed (Afrikaans)

***bad**i (Proto-West Germanic)

bedd, bed, bædd (Old English)

bed, bedd, bæd, bedde, bede (Middle English)

bed (English)

***bad**i (Proto-West Germanic)

bedd, bed, bædd (Old English)

bed, bedd, bæd, bedde, bede (Middle English)

bed, bede (Middle Scots)

bed (Scots)

***bad**i (Proto-West Germanic)

bedd (Old Frisian)

Bääd (Saterland Frisian)

bêd (West Frisian)

***badī** (Proto-West Germanic)

betti, beti (Old High German)

bette, bete, bet (Middle High German)

Bett (Alemannic German)

Bett (Luxembourgish)

***badī** (Proto-West Germanic)

betti, beti (Old High German)

bette, bete, bet (Middle High German)

Bett, Beet (German)

bed (Danish)

bed (Norwegian Bokmål)

***badī** (Proto-West Germanic)

bed, bedd, beddi (Old Saxon)

bedde (Middle Low German)

beddi (Icelandic)

***badī** (Proto-West Germanic)

bed, bedd, beddi (Old Saxon)

bedde (Middle Low German)

Bett, Bedd (Low German)

bedde (Dutch Low Saxon)

***badī** (Proto-West Germanic)

bed, bedd, beddi (Old Saxon)

bedde (Middle Low German)

Bett, Bedd (Low German)

Bedd (Low German)

Bad, Bed (Plautdietsch)

beðr (Old Norse)

beður, beð (Faroese)

beður, beð (Icelandic)

beðr (Old Norse)

bedd (Norwegian Nynorsk)

beðr (Old Norse)

***bādh, bādhil** (Old Swedish)

bädd (Swedish)

peti (Finnish)

𐍃𐍃𐍅𐍄 (badi) (Gothic)

*patja (Proto-Finnic)

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