

* bada

Runic: ᚷ ᚠ ᚱ

Pronunciation: /'ba.ðã/

noun · neuter · a-stem

Meanings

pressure; trouble, distress

Etymology

Uncertain. Formally compatible with Proto-Indo-European $*b^hod^h-o-m$, from the disputed root $*b^hed^h-$. Kroonen reconstructs the underlying Germanic noun $*bada-$ from Norwegian ***b**a**d*** and East Danish ***b**a**d*** and derives $*badōjan-$ (here ******ba**d**ōn**q***) from it ([Kroonen 2013: 47](#)). The Indo-Iranian comparanda instead point to a long-vowel base: Sanskrit बाधते (***bā**d^{hate}*) and Younger Avestan -𐬨𐬁𐬭𐬀𐬯𐬭𐬀 (***auui**-bād̥a*) are analyzed as reflecting $*b^hehd^h-$ or $*b^hēd^h-$, with the wider relationship uncertain ([Cheung 2007: 20–21](#), s.v. $*bād$; [Mayrhofer 1996: 222](#); [Rix et al. 2001: 68](#)). Lithuanian ***bėdà*** and Proto-Slavic ***bědà*** are likewise of disputed origin ([Borissoff 2021: 30–31](#); [Derksen 2015: 85](#); [Smoczyński 2018: 106](#)), while Lithuanian ***bādas*** may instead derive from ***badýti*** and belong to $*b^hed^hh_2-$ ([Derksen 2015: 75–76](#)).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	badā	badō
Acc.	badā	badō
Gen.	badas, badis	badô
Dat.	badai	badamaz
Inst.	badō	badamiz
Voc.	badā	badō

Descendants

***bað** (Old Norse)

bad (East Danish)

***bað** (Old Norse)

bad (Norwegian)

badde, bad (Middle English)

bad (English)

bad (Scots)

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