

***bai** Runic: 𐌲𐌿𐌺𐌹 | Pronunciation: /'baj/

determiner

Meanings

both

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **bʰóh₁*, possibly from the neuter dual form **bʰóy(h₁)*. Compare Lithuanian *abu* ('both'), Proto-Slavic **oba* ('both'), Sanskrit *उभ (ubhá)* (ubhá, 'both, each of the two'), Latin (am)bō ('both');

Declension

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Descendants

bǣgen, bēgen, bēggen (Old English)
| **bezenn, beigene, beine, beie, beye, bey** (Middle English)

beggja (Old Norse)
| **beggja** (Faroese)
| **beggja** (Icelandic)
| **begge** (Norwegian Nynorsk)

beggja (Old Norse)
| **bæggia** (Old Danish)
| **begge** (Danish)

beggja (Old Norse)
| **bæggia, begge, bæggias, bægges, beggiars, bæggers** (Old Swedish)
| **bägge** (Swedish)

𐌲𐌹𐌳𐌰 (bai) (Gothic)

Most daughter languages have this word in a compound with the demonstrative *sa (‘that’):

beithe (Old Dutch)
| **beide** (Middle Dutch)
| **beide** (Dutch)
| **beide** (Afrikaans)

bā þā (Old English)
| **baþe, boþe, bayth, bothe** (Middle English)
| **both** (English)
| **bathe, baith** (Scots)

bēthe (Old Frisian)

bee (Saterland Frisian)

beide (West Frisian)

beidē (Old High German)

beide, bēde, beyde (Middle High German)

beide (German)

ביידע (beyde) (Yiddish)

bēthia (Old Saxon)

bēde, beide, beyde (Middle Low German)

beide (Low German)

beide, beid, bei, beed, bede, be, biede, bied, bi (Low German)

báðir (Old Norse)

báðer (Elfdalian)

báðir (Faroese)

báðir (Icelandic)

både (Norwegian Bokmål)

både, bae (Norwegian Nynorsk)

báðir (Old Norse)

bathe (Old Danish)

både (Danish)

báðir (Old Norse)

bāpir, bāpe (Old Swedish)

både, båda (Swedish)

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