

***butmaz** Runic: 𐌲𐌿𐌸𐌰𐌿𐌺𐌰 Pronunciation: /'but.maz/

noun · masculine · a-stem

Meanings

1. bottom; foundation
2. ground
3. abyss

Etymology

From pre-Germanic *b^hud^h-m̥-ó-s from Proto-Indo-European *b^hud^h-m̥én ~ *b^hud^h-m̥n-és/*b^hud^h-n-és(‘bottom’). According to (Kroonen 2013), the -m- had been dissimilated in the genitive already in Proto-Indo-European, giving Sanskrit बुध्ना (*budhna*) (budhna, ‘bottom, ground, base, depth, lowest part of anything’) and Latin *fundus* (‘bottom; farm; ground; foundation’), resulting in a Proto-Germanic paradigm of *budm-, *butt-, (the -tt- via Kluge’s Law), which then gave rise to other variants in: *budm-, *butm-. He also suggests that the root was metathesized from *d^hewb^h-/*d^hub^h- (‘hazy, unclear, dark; deep’). Other cognates are Ancient Greek πύθμην (*pūthmén*) (pūthmén, ‘bottom of a cup or jar; the bottom of the sea; trunk, butt of a tree’), Old Armenian անդունդ (andund, ‘abyss, hell’), and Latin *fundus* (‘bottom; farm; ground; foundation’). Related to *buttaz (‘end, piece’).

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	butmaz	butmōz, butmōs
Acc.	butmaꝥ	butmanz
Gen.	butmas, butmis	butmō
Dat.	butmai	butmamaz
Inst.	butmō	butmamiz
Voc.	butm	butmōz, butmōs

Descendants

- ***botm** (Proto-West Germanic)
 - ***bodom** (Old Dutch)
 - bodem** (Middle Dutch)
 - boeadem, baom** (Limburgish)
- ***botm** (Proto-West Germanic)
 - ***bodom** (Old Dutch)
 - bodem** (Middle Dutch)
 - bodem, boom, boôm** (Dutch)
 - bodem** (Afrikaans)
- ***bodm, *botm** (Proto-West Germanic)
 - bodan, botm** (Old English)
 - botme, botom, botome, bothom, bothum, botham, bothme, botym, bottum, butme, boꝥem, bum** (Middle English)
 - bottom, botton, bum** (English)
 - boddem, boddum, boddam, boddom, bottome, bum** (Scots)
- ***bodm, *botm** (Proto-West Germanic)
 - bodem, boden** (Old Frisian)
 - bom** (North Frisian)
 - Boudem** (Saterland Frisian)
 - beame, boaiem, boom** (West Frisian)
- ***bodm, *botm** (Proto-West Germanic)

bodam, podam (Old High German)

bodem, boden (Middle High German)

Boden (German)

Buedem (Luxembourgish)

***bodm, *botm** (Proto-West Germanic)

bodom (Old Saxon)

bōdeme, bodem, boddeme, boddem, bodden (Middle Low German)

Bodden, Borrn, Baam (Low German)

Boddem (Plautdietsch)

botn (Old Norse)

botnur (Faroese)

botn (Icelandic)

bånn (Norwegian Bokmål)

botn (Old Norse)

botn (Norwegian Nynorsk)

botn (Norwegian Bokmål)

botn (Old Norse)

botn, bon (Old Danish)

bund (Danish)

bunn (Norwegian Bokmål)

botn (Old Norse)

butn, botn (Old Swedish)

botten (Swedish)

***ponnē** (Proto-Samic)

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