

# Reconstruction:Proto-Germanic/bēriz



This Proto-Germanic entry contains **reconstructed words and roots**. As such, the term(s) in this entry are not directly attested, but are hypothesized to have existed based on comparative evidence.

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## Proto-Germanic

### Etymology

Long-grade verbal adjective derived from *\*beranq* (“to bear”). Similar in form to Sanskrit भार्य (bhārya, “to be borne, supported”), but probably closer diachronically to बभ्रि (babhri, “bearing, carrying”). Compare also Latin *-fer* (“bearing, bringing forth”).

### Pronunciation

- IPA<sup>(key)</sup>: /'bɛː.riz/

### Adjective

**\*bēriz**

- bearable, fruitful, viable
- pertaining to bearing, carrying

### Inflection

#### Declension of \*bēriz (i-stem)

##### strong declension

	masculine		feminine		neuter	
	singular	plural	singular	plural	singular	plural
<u>nominative</u>	*bēriz	*bērijai	*bērī	*bērijôz	*bērj, *-jatō	*bērijō

<b>accusative</b>	*bērijanō	*bērijanz	*bērijō	*bērijōz	*bērij, *-jatō	*bērijō
<b>genitive</b>	*bērijas, *bērīs	*bērijaizō	*bērijaizōz	*bērijaizō	*bērijas, *bērīs	*bērijaizō
<b>dative</b>	*bērijammai	*bērijaimaz	*bērijaizōi	*bērijaimaz	*bērijammai	*bērijaimaz
<b>instrumental</b>	*bērijanō	*bērijaimiz	*bērijaizō	*bērijaimiz	*bērijanō	*bērijaimiz

### weak declension

	masculine		feminine		neuter	
	singular	plural	singular	plural	singular	plural
<b>nominative</b>	*bērijō	*bērijaniz	*bērijō	*bērijōniz	*bērijō	*bērijōnō
<b>accusative</b>	*bērijanu	*bērijanunz	*bērijōnu	*bērijōnunz	*bērijō	*bērijōnō
<b>genitive</b>	*bērīniz	*bērijanō	*bērijōniz	*bērijōnō	*bērīniz	*bērijanō
<b>dative</b>	*bērīni	*bērijammaz	*bērijōni	*bērijōmaz	*bērīni	*bērijammaz
<b>instrumental</b>	*bērīnē	*bērijammiz	*bērijōnē	*bērijōmiz	*bērīnē	*bērijammiz

## Descendants

Often found in compounds or as a suffix.

- Old English: -bære
  - Middle English: -bere
    - (English: -bearing)
- Old Frisian: \*bāre, -bēre, -bēr
  - Saterland Frisian: -boar
  - West Frisian: -ber
- Old Saxon: -bāri
  - Middle Low German: -bār(e), -bēr(e)
    - Low German: -bor
    - → Swedish: -bar
    - → Norwegian: -bar
- Old Dutch: \*-bāri
  - Middle Dutch: -baer
    - Dutch: -baar
- Old High German: -bāri
  - Middle High German: -bære (*adverb -bāre, Central German also adjectivally*)
    - German: -bar

- Old Norse: bærr, -bærr
  - Icelandic: bær
  - Old Swedish: -bǣr
  - Westrobothnian: -ber (bärän?)

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