

deal (more), it is of great (greater) importance; (8) absol. or with an adv., vel, illa, with infin.; e-m berr (vel, illa) at gera e-t, it becomes, beseems one (well, ill) to do a thing (berr yðr vel, herra, at sjá sannindi á þessu máli); used absol., berr vel, illa, it is beseeming, proper, fit, or unbeseeming, improper, unfit (þat þykkir eigi illa b., at).

BERA (AÐ), v. *to make bare (hon beraði líkam sinn).*

BERA, f. *she-bear, = birna.*

BER-BAKT, adv. *bare-backed, without saddle (ríða -bakt); -BEINN, a. barelegged; -BRYNJAÐR, a. wearing a coat of mail with no garment over it; -DREYMR, a. having clear dreams as to the future.*

BER-FJALL, n. *bear-skin (cf. 'bera').*

BER-FÆTTR, a. *bare-footed, barelegged; berfættir bróðir, bare-footed friar, minorite.*

BERG, n. (1) *rock, boulder; (2) cliff, precipice (framan í bergi).*

BERG-BÚI, m. *rock-dweller, giant; -DANIR, m. pl. = -búar; -HAMARR, m. rocky precipice; -HLÍÐ, f. the side of a berg, mountain slope; -HÖGG, n. a quarrying tool.*

BERGI-BITI, m. *a bit to taste, small bit; -LIGR, a. inviting to taste.*

BERGING, f. *tasting, taste.*

BERGISAMLIGR, a. = bergiligr.

BERGJA (-ÐA, -ÐR), v. *to taste, with dat.; þágunna vildi øngum mat b., Th. would taste no food; b. ölvi, to taste (drink) ale; b. dauða, to taste death; also b. á e-u (enn höfum við eigi á dauða bergt).*

BERGNING, f. = berging (rare).

BERG-NÖS, f. = bergsnös; -RIFA, f. *fissure in a rock, = bjargrifa; -RISI, m. hill-giant; -SKOR, f. rift in a rocky hill, = bjargskora; -SNÖS, f. a rocky projection;*

-TOLLR, m. rock-toll, paid for catching fowl thereon; -VÖRÐR, m. a watch or lookout for rocks and cliffs (halda bergvörð).

BER-HÖFÐI, a. indecl. *bare-headed; -HÖGG, n. in the phrase, ganga í (or á) -högg við e-n, to enter into open fight with; Jóan gekk á berhögg at banna allar þær úhöfur, interdicted these abuses boldly and openly.*

BERILL, m. *vessel, barrel for fluids (mjöðrinn var borinn í berlum).*

BERINDIS, adv. *openly (rare).*

BERJA (BER; BARÐA, BÖRÐUM; BARÐR, BARIÐR), v. (1) *to beat, strike, smite (b. e-n); hár svá fagrt sem barit gull, as beaten gold; b. korn af hálmi, to thresh; b. húð af e-m, to scourge severely; b. e-n grjóti, to stone (= grýta); b. e-n illyrðum, ávítum, to abuse, reproach one; b. á e-m, to attack one with blows, give one a thrashing; b. á hurð, dyrr, at hurðu, at dyrum, to knock, rap at a door; b. sér á brjóst, to smite one's breast (in repentance); b. til e-s = b. á e-m; b. e-n til e-s, to drive one with blows to do a thing (verða barðr til bœkr); (2) with dat., b. grjóti í andlit e-m, to throw stones in one's face; b. saman vápnunum, skjöldum, to dash weapons, shields against each other; b. (to neglect, slight) guðs boðum; b. e-u niðr (opp. to ljósta e-u upp), to hush up; (3) intrans., hjarta hans barði (beat, throbbed) undir síðunni; (4) impers., skýjagrjóti barði í augu þeim, hailstones dashed in their eyes; þeim barði saman, they dashed against each other; (5) refl., berjast, to fight (við e-n, with or against a person; við veðr, against bad weather; við e-m, for a person); b. á e-t, to assail attack (b. á borgina, á guðs lýð); þótt hann berðist lengi mót (offered resistance).*