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n.

1. A stew of vegetables or fruits cooked slowly over very low heat.
2. *Informal* A state of confusion.

[Yiddish *tsimes* : Middle High German *ze*, *zuo*, to, for (from Old High German; see **de-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)) + Middle High German *imbiz*, light meal (from Old High German, from *enbizzan*, to eat : *in*, in; see **en** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *bīzan*, *bizzan*, to bite; see **bheid-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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