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v. **bod·ed**, **bod·ing**, **bodes**

v.tr.

1. To be an omen of: *heavy seas that boded trouble for small craft.*

2. *Archaic* To predict; foretell.

v.intr.

To be an omen; portend: *The peace accord bodes well for the city under siege.*

[Middle English *boden*, from Old English *bodian*, to announce; see **bheudh-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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v.

A past tense of [bide](#).

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