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n.
A small stream; a brook.

[Middle English, from Old English *burna*; see **bhreu-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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born² also **borne**  (bôrn, b ɜrn)

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n.
Archaic
1. A destination; a goal.
2. A boundary; a limit.

[Middle French *borne*, from variant of Old French *bodne*, *bosne*, stone boundary marker, boundary, from Vulgar Latin **bodina*, from Gaulish **bodina*, frontier, boundary; see **bound**² in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.]

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