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n.

1. A slanting surface or bevel on the edge of a cutting tool, such as a chisel.
2. The upper, faceted portion of a cut gem, above the girdle and below the table.
3.
 - a. A groove or flange designed to hold a beveled edge, as of a gem.
 - b. A ring that secures the crystal of a watch or chronometer, often rotatable and marked so as to allow timekeeping functions.
4. The frame around a display screen.

[Probably French dialectal; akin to French *biseau*, from *bis*, two times, from Latin; see **dwo-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]



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bezel-set gemstones

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