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bar·i·um  (bâr ē-əm, bār -)

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n.

1. **Symbol Ba** A soft, silvery-white or yellowish-white alkaline-earth metal, used to deoxidize copper and to absorb trace gases in vacuum tubes, and used in various alloys. Atomic number 56; atomic weight 137.33; melting point 727°C; boiling point 1,897°C; specific gravity 3.62; valence 2. See [Periodic Table](#).
2. A radiopaque solution containing barium sulfate that is used to visualize the gastrointestinal tract on x-rays.

[[BAR\(YTA\)](#) + [-IUM](#).]

bar ic (-ĭk) *adj.*

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