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ARCHAIC-SOUNDING 8-letter bingos starting with **BE-** – Other bygone words added for good measure
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A 8s

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| ABORNING | ABGINNOR | while being born [adv] |
| AFFOREST | AEFFORST | to convert into forest [v -ED, -ING, -S] |
| AFFRIGHT | AFFGHIRT | to frighten [v -ED, -ING, -S] |

B 8s

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| BECAPPED | ABCDEEPP | to put cap on [v] |
| BECARPET | ABCEEPRT | to cover with carpet [v -ED, -ING, -S] |
| BECHANCE | ABCCEEHN | to befall [v -D, -CING, -S] |
| BECLAMOR | ABCELMOR | to clamor loudly [v -ED, -ING, -S] |
| BECLOTHE | BCEEHLOT | to clothe [v -D, -HING, -S] |
| BECOWARD | ABCDEORW | to accuse of cowardice [v -ED, -ING, -S] |
| BECUDGEL | BCDEEGLU | to cudgel thoroughly [v -LLED or -ED, -LLING or -ING, -S] |
| BEDABBLE | ABBBDEEL | to soil [v -D, -LING, -S] |
| BEDARKEN | ABDEEKNR | to darken [v -ED, -ING, -S] |
| BEDAZZLE | ABDEELZZ | to confuse [v -D, -LING, -S] |
| BEDEAFEN | ABDEEEFN | to deafen [v -ED, -ING, -S] |
| BEDIAPER | ABDEEIPR | to ornament with kind of design [v -ED, -ING, -S] |
| BEDIMMED | BDDEEIMM | made dimmed [v] |
| BEDIMPLE | BDEEILMP | to dimple [v -D, -LING, -S] |
| BEDOTTED | BDDEEOTT | covered with dots [adj] |
| BEDRENCH | BCDEEHNR | to drench thoroughly [v -ED, -ING, -S] |
| BEDRIVEL | BDEEILRV | to cover with saliva [v -LLED or -ED, -LLING or -ING, -S] |
| BEFINGER | BEEFGINR | to touch all over [v -ED, -ING, -S] |
| BEFLOWER | BEEFLORW | to cover with flowers [v -ED, -ING, -S] |
| BEFOGGED | BDEEFGGO | enveloped with fog [v] |
| BEFOULER | BEEFLORU | one that befouls [n -S] |
| BEFRINGE | BEEFGINR | to border with fringe [v -D, -GING, -S] |
| BEFUDDLE | BDDEEFLU | to confuse [v -D, -LING, -S] |
| BEGEMMED | BDEEEGMM | to gem (to adorn with precious stones) [v] |
| BEGETTER | BEEEGRTT | one that begets (causes to exist) [n -S] |
| BEGIRDLE | BDEEGILR | to surround [v -D, -LING, -S] |
| BEGLAMOR | ABEGLMOR | to dazzle with glamor [v -ED, -ING, -S] |
| BEGOTTEN | BEEGNOTT | caused to exist [v] |
| BEGRUDGE | BDEEGGRU | to concede reluctantly [v -D, -GING, -S] |
| BEGUILER | BEEGILRU | one that beguiles [n -S] |
| BEHOLDER | BDEEHLOR | one that beholds [n -S] |
| BEJUMBLE | BBEEJLMU | to jumble [v -D, -LING, -S] |
| BEKISSES | BEEIKSSS | to cover with kisses [v] |
| BEKNIGHT | BEGHIKNT | to raise to knighthood [v -ED, -ING, -S] |
| BELABOUR | ABBELORU | to belabor [v -ED, -ING, -S] |
| BELADIES | ABDEEILS | to apply title of lady to [v] |
| BELIQUOR | BEILOQRU | to soak with liquor [v -ED, -ING, -S] |
| BEMADDEN | ABDDEEMN | to madden [v -ED, -ING, -S] |
| BEMINGLE | BEEGILMN | to mix together [v -D, -LING, -S] |
| BEMUDDLE | BDDEELMU | to confuse completely [v -D, -LING, -S] |
| BEMURMUR | BEMMRRUU | to murmur at [v -ED, -ING, -S] |
| BEMUZZLE | BEELMUZZ | to muzzle [v -D, -LING, -S] |



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| BEPIMPLE | BEEILMPP | to cover with pimples [v -D, -LING, -S] |
| BERASCAL | AABCELRS | to accuse of being rascal [v -ED, -ING, -S] |
| BERINGED | BDEEGINR | adorned with rings [adj] |
| BEROUGED | BDEEGORU | obviously or thickly rouged [adj] |
| BESCORCH | BCCEHORS | to scorch [v -ED, -ING, -S] |
| BESCREEN | BCEEENRS | to screen [v -ED, -ING, -S] |
| BESETTER | BEEERSTT | one that besets [n -S] |
| BESHADOW | ABDEHOSW | to cast shadow on [v -ED, -ING, -S] |
| BESHIVER | BEEHIRSV | to break into small pieces [v -ED, -ING, -S] |
| BESHROUD | BDEHORSU | to cover [v -ED, -ING, -S] |
| BESIEGER | BEEEGIRS | one that besieges [n -S] |
| BESLAVED | ABDEELSV | filled with slaves [adj] |
| BESMOOTH | BEHMOOST | to smooth [v -ED, -ING, -S] |
| BESMUDGE | BDEEGMSU | to smudge [v -D, -GING, -S] |
| BESOOTHE | BEEHOOST | to soothe [v -D, -HING, -S] |
| BESOTTED | BDEEOSTT | stupefied [v] |
| BESPOUSE | BEEOPSSU | to marry [v -D, -SING, -S] |
| BESPREAD | ABDEEPRS | to spread [v -SPREAD, -ING, -S] |
| BESPRENT | BEENPRST | sprinkled over [adj] |
| BESTRIDE | BDEEIRST | to straddle [v -RODE or -RID, -DDEN, -DING, -S] |
| BESTROWN | BENORSTW | bestrewed [v] |
| BESUITED | BDEEISTU | wearing suit [adj] |
| BETATTER | ABEERTTT | to tatter [v -ED, -ING, -S] |
| BEUNCLED | BCDEELNU | having many uncles [adj] |
| BEWAILER | ABEEILRW | one that bewails [n -S] |
| BEWIGGED | BDEEGGIW | adorned with wig [v] |
| BEWILDER | BDEEILRW | to confuse [v -ED, -ING, -S] |
| BEWINGED | BDEEGINW | having wings [adj] |
| BEWRAYER | ABEERRWY | one that bewrays [n -S] |

C 8s

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|----------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| CEORLISH | CEHILORS | CEORL, freeman of low birth [adj] |
| COMETHER | CEEHMORT | affair or matter [n -S] |
| COULDEST | CDELOSTU | can [v] |

D 8s

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| DISBOSOM | BDIMOOSS | to confess [v -ED, -ING, -S] |
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E 8s

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| EFTSOONS | EFNOOSST | EFTSOON, soon afterward [adv] |
| EREWHILE | EEEHILRW | some time ago [adv] |

F 8s

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| FERNINST | EFINNRST | near to [prep] |
| FOREDOOM | DEFMOOOR | to doom in advance [v -ED, -ING, -S] |
| FOREFEEL | EEEFFLOR | to have premonition of [v -FELT, -LING, -S] |
| FOREFELT | EEEFFLOR | FOREFEEL, to have premonition of [v] |
| FOREFEND | DEEFFNOR | to protect [v -ED, -ING, -S] |
| FOREKNOW | EFKNOORW | to know in advance [v -NEW, -N, -ING, -S] |
| FORENOON | EFNNOOOR | period of daylight before noon [n -S] |
| FORETIME | EEFIMORT | past [n -S] |



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| FOREWENT | EEFNORTW | went before [v] |
| FORSOOTH | FHOOORST | in truth [adv] |
| FORSPENT | EFNOPRST | worn out [adj] |
| FORSWEAR | AEFORRSW | to deny under oath [v -WORE, -WORN, -ING, -S] |
| FOUGHTEN | EFGHNOTU | exhausted especially from fighting [adj] |

G 8s

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|----------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| GADZOOKS | ADGKOOSZ | used as mild oath [interj] |
| GARDYLOO | ADGLOORY | used as warning cry [interj] |
| GRAMERCY | ACEGMRRY | expression of gratitude [n -CIES] |

H 8s

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|----------|----------|----------------------------------|
| HEREAWAY | AAEEHRWY | in this vicinity [adv] |
| HEREINTO | EEHINORT | into this place [adv] |
| HEREUNTO | EEHNORTU | to this matter [adv] |
| HEREUPON | EEHNOPRU | immediately following this [adv] |
| HEREWITH | EEHHIRTW | along with this [adv] |

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K 8s

L 8s

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| LACKADAY | AAACDKLY | used to express regret [interj] |
| LOQUITUR | ILOQRTUU | he or she speaks [v] |

M 8s

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| MESEEMED | DEEEEMMS | it seemed to me [v] |
| METHINKS | EHIKMNST | it seems to me [v] |
| MISSPELT | EILMPSSST | MISSPELL, to spell (to name or write letters of in order) incorrectly [v] |

N 8s

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| NAETHING | AEGHINNT | nothing [n -S] |
| NATHLESS | AEHLNSST | nevertheless [adv] |
| NIDERING | DEGIINNR | coward (one who lacks courage (quality that enables one to face danger fearlessly; spirit)) [n -S] |

O 8s

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|----------|----------|---|
| OFTTIMES | EFIMOSTT | often (frequently (in frequent (occurring again and again) manner)) [adv] |
| OUTSPELT | ELOPSTTU | OUTSPELL, to surpass in spelling [v] |

P 8s

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| POORTITH | HIOOPRTT | poverty (state of being poor (lacking means of support)) [n -S] |
| PUISSANT | AINPSSTU | powerful [adj] |

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R 8s

S 8s

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| SELCOUTH | CEHLOSTU | unusual [adj] |
| SENNIGHT | EGHINNST | week (period of seven days) [n -S] |
| SITHENCE | CEEHINST | since (from then until now) [adv] |
| SKLENTED | DEEKLNST | SKLENT, to slant (to deviate from horizontal or vertical) [v] |
| SOMEDEAL | ADEELMOS | to some degree [adv] |
| SOMEWAYS | AEMOSSWY | someway [adv] |
| SOMEWHEN | EEHMNOSW | sometime [adv] |
| SOMEWISE | EEIMOSSW | somehow [adv] |
| SOOTHSAY | AHOOSSTY | to predict [v -AID, -ING, -S] |



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STEDFAST ADEFSSTT staunch (firm and dependable) [adj]

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THRAWART AAHRRTTW stubborn (unyielding (not yielding (yield))) [adj]

THWARTLY AHLRTTWY athwart (from side to side) [adv]

U 8s

UNBITTED BDEINTTU not bitted (to seize with teeth) [adj]

UNBONNET BENNOSTU to uncover head [v -ED, -ING, -S]

UNBREECH BCEEHNRU to remove breeches of [v -ED, -ING, -ES]

UNCHURCH CCHHNRUU to expel from church [v -ED, -ING, -S]

UNCOFFIN CFFINNOU to remove from coffin [v -ED, -ING, -S]

UNCOMELY CELMNOUY not comely (pleasing to look at) [adj]

UNFORGOT FGNOORTU not forgotten [adj]

UNGRACED ACDEGNRU not graced (to give beauty to) [adj]

UNHAired ADEHINRU UNHAIR, to remove hair from [v]

UNHAIRER AEHINRRU one that unhairs (to remove hair from) [n -S]

UNHALLOW AHLNNOUW to profane (to treat with irreverence or abuse [v -ED, -ING, -S])

UNHANDeD ADDEHNNU UNHAND, to remove hand from [v]

UNHATTED ADEHNNTTU UNHAT, to remove one's hat [v]

UNHELMED DEEHLMNU UNHELM, to remove helmet of [v]

UNHOODED DDEHNOOU UNHOOD, to remove hood from [v]

UNKENNED DEEKNNNU not known or recognized [adj]

UNLEARNt EALNNRTU UNLEARN, to put out of one's knowledge or memory [v]

UNLETTED DEELNTTU not letted (to hinder (to impede)) [adj]

UNMEETLY EELMNTUY UNMEET, improper (not proper (suitable (appropriate))) [adv]

UNMEWING EGIMNNUW UNMEW, to set free [v]

UNREASON AENNORSU to disrupt sanity of [v -ED, -ING, -S]

UNRIDDLE DDEILNRU to solve [v -D, -LING, -S]

UNSICKER CEIKNRSU unreliable (not reliable) [adj]

UNSPOILT ILNOPSTU not spoilt (to impair value or quality of) [adj]

UNSWATHE AEHNSTUW to unbind (to free from bindings) [v -D, -HING, -S]

UNTENTED DEENNTTU not probed or attended to [adj]

UNTHRONE EHNNTORTU to remove from throne (v -D, -NING, -S)

UNWEIGHT EGHINTUW to reduce weight of [v -S, -ING, -ED]

UNWIFELY EFILNUWY not wifely (of or befitting wife) [adj]

UNWISDOM DIMNOSUW lack of wisdom [n -S]

UNWITTED DEINTTUW UNWIT, to make insane [v]

UNWONTED DENNOTUW unusual (not usual) [adj]

UNYEANED ADEENNUY unborn (not born (having particular qualities from birth)) [adj]

UNYOKING GIKNNOUY UNYOKE, to free from yoke (wooden frame for joining together draft animals) [v]

V 8s

W 8s

WAESUCKS ACEKSSUW used to express pity [interj]

WELLADAY AADELLWY expression of sorrow [n -S]

WELLAWAY AAELLWWY expression of sorrow [n -S]

WOBEGONE BEEGNOOW affected with woe [adj]

WOULDEST DELOSTUW WILL, to decide upon [v]

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