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Usage Note: Thanks to the vagaries of English spelling, *bear* has two past participles: *born* and *borne*. Traditionally, *born* is used only in passive constructions referring to birth: *I was born in Chicago*. For all other uses, including active constructions referring to birth, *borne* is the standard form: *She has borne both her children at home. I have borne his insolence with the patience of a saint.*