

bougie

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Etymology 1 [[edit](#)]

Borrowed from [French](#) *bougie* (“wax candle”), after the Algerian city Bougie ([Béjaïa](#)), and the tapered, hand-dipped candles it made. The medical instruments were originally made from waxed linen. [Doublet](#) of *bugia*.

Pronunciation [[edit](#)]

- [IPA](#)^(key): /ˈbuːʒi/, [enPR](#): bōōˈzhē
- Audio (*[Southern England](#)*): 0:01
- Audio (*[US](#)*): 0:01
- Rhymes: -[uːʒi](#)

Noun [[edit](#)]

bougie (*plural* [bougies](#))

- (*[medicine](#)*) A [tapered cylindrical instrument](#) for introducing an object into a [tubular anatomical structure](#), or to [dilate](#) such a structure, as with an [esophageal](#) bougie. [[quotations](#) ▼]
- A [wax candle](#).

Etymology 2 [[edit](#)]

From *[bourgeoisie](#)*.

Pronunciation [[edit](#)]

- [IPA](#)^(key): /ˈbuːʒi/, [enPR](#): bōōˈzhē

Adjective [[edit](#)]

bougie (*comparative* [bougier](#), *superlative* [bougiest](#))



1. (*African-American Vernacular, slang, usually derogatory*) Behaving like or pertaining to people of a higher social status, [middle-class](#) / [bourgeois](#) people (*sometimes carrying connotations of [fakeness](#), [elitism](#), or [snobbery](#)*). [synonyms ▲] [quotations ▼]

Synonyms: [chichi](#), [classy](#), [high and mighty](#), [ritzy](#), [saditty](#), [snobby](#), [snooty](#), [posh](#)

2. (*UK, Canada, slang*) [Fancy](#) or [good-looking](#), without [connotations](#) of [snobbery](#) or [pretentiousness](#).

Alternative forms [[edit](#)]

- [bourgie](#), [boojie](#), [boujee](#), [boujée](#)

Derived terms [[edit](#)]

- [boughetto](#)
- [bougieness](#)

Related terms [[edit](#)]

- [bourgie](#)

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± behaving like or pertaining to people of a higher social status — see also snobby	[show ▼]
± fancy or good-looking — see also fancy , posh	[show ▼]

Noun [[edit](#)]

bougie (*plural* [bougies](#))

1. (*chiefly [African-American Vernacular, slang, usually derogatory](#)*) A person who exhibits bougie behavior. [quotations ▼]

Translations [[edit](#)]

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Etymology 3 [[edit](#)]

Noun [[edit](#)]

bougie (*plural* [bougies](#))

1. *Alternative spelling of [bowjy](#) (“shed for cattle or sheep”).*

Dutch [[edit](#)]

Etymology [[edit](#)]

Borrowed from French [bougie](#).

Pronunciation [[edit](#)]

 **IPA**^(key): /buˈʒi/

Audio: 0:01

- Rhymes: **-i**

Noun [[edit](#)]

bougie *f* (plural **bougies**, *diminutive* **bougietje** *n*)

1. **spark plug** [synonym ▲]

Synonym: **ontstekingskaars**

2. **bougie** (medical device)
3. **candle** [synonym ▲]

Synonym: **kaars**

Further reading [[edit](#)]

-  **bougie** on the Dutch Wikipedia.

French [[edit](#)]

Etymology [[edit](#)]

From *Bougie*, the French name for the Algerian town of **Béjaïa** **بجاية**, formerly known for exporting candle wax. Attested 1300 for "fine candle wax", and 1493 for "candle made from such wax".

Pronunciation [[edit](#)]

- **IPA**^(key): /bu.ʒi/

- Audio: 0:02

- Audio (*France* (*Vosges*)): 0:01

- Audio (*France* (*Vosges*)): 0:01

Noun [[edit](#)]

bougie *f* (plural **bougies**)

1. **candle**
2. **spark plug**

Derived terms [[edit](#)]

- **bougeoir**
- **bougie à boule**

- [chandelle](#)
- [cierge](#)

Descendants [[edit](#)]

- Antillean Creole: [bouji](#)
- ⇒ Mauritian Creole: [labouzi](#)
- → Egyptian Arabic: [بوچيه](#) (bujēh)
- → Catalan: [bugia](#)
- → Dutch: [bougie](#)
- → English: [bougie](#)
- → Greek: [μπουζί](#) (bouzí)
- → Gulay: [bùjì](#)
- → Romanian: [bujie](#)
- → Spanish: [bujía](#)
- → Turkish: [buji](#)

Further reading [[edit](#)]

- “[bougie](#)”, in *Trésor de la langue française informatisé* [*Digitized Treasury of the French Language*], 2012
- “[bougie](#)” in *Dico en ligne* [Le Robert](#).

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