basement Apresyan (En-Ru)

['beisment] n

- 1. основание; фундамент, цоколь, низ здания
- 2. подвал; (полу)подвальный этаж; цокольный этаж

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

base-ment [basement basements] BrE ['beisment] ** NAmE ['beisment]

noun

a room or rooms in a building, partly or completely below the level of the ground

- · Kitchen goods are sold in the basement.
- · a basement flat/apartment



see also †bargain basement

Word Origin:

mid 18th cent.: probably from archaic Dutch basement 'foundation', perhaps from Italian basamento 'column base'.

Thesaurus:

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cellar · · bunker · · crypt ·

in a basement/cellar/bunker/crypt

the basement/cellar door/stairs/steps

Basement or cellar? A **basement** is usually an underground level in a large modern building; a **cellar** is usually an underground room for storing things, especially in an older building.

Example Bank:

- · bargain basement prices
- · She lives in a two-room basement flat.

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base ment /'beisment/ BrE * AmE * noun [countable]

[Date: 1700-1800; Origin: Probably from ⇒ †base²]

a room or area in a building that is under the level of the ground ⇒ cellar

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