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gable [gable gables] BrE ['geɪbl] NAmE ['geɪbl] noun

the upper part of the end wall of a building, between the two sloping sides of the roof, that is shaped like a triangle



Word Origin:

Middle English: via Old French from Old Norse gafl, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch gaffel and German Gabel 'fork' (the point of the gable originally being the fork of two crossed timbers supporting the end of the roof-tree).

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ga ble /'geɪbəl/ BrE AmE noun [countable]

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: Old Norse gaf]

the upper end of a house wall where it joins with a sloping roof and makes a shape like a [†]triangle:

the gable end of the barn

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