gather

1. [ˈgæðə] *n*

  1. то, что собрано, сбор, урожай

  2. *pl* сборки, складки

    she made gathers at the waist (of the dress) - она присобрала /присборила/ платье в талии

  3. *авт.* схождение передних колёс в плане

2. [ˈgæðə] *v*

  1. 1) собирать

    to gather a crowd - собрать толпу

    to gather one's things [tools] - собирать свои вещи [инструменты]

    to gather in a heap - собирать в кучу

  2) собираться, скопляться

    a crowd had gathered - собралась толпа

    gather round, and I'll tell you a story - усаживайтесь вокруг меня, и я расскажу вам историю

    clouds gathered - тучи сгущались

    tears gathered in her eyes - её глаза наполнились слезами

    suspicion was gathering in his mind - у него крепли подозрения

    the story gathered like a snowball - эта история обрастала (новыми) подробностями как снежный ком

  2. (*тж.* gather in)

  1) рвать (*цветы*); собирать (*ягоды и т. п.*)

    the bee gathers honey - пчела собирает мёд

  2) снимать, собирать, убирать (*урожай*)

    to gather a rich [poor] crop of smth. - собрать /снять/ хороший [плохой] урожай чего-л.

  3. (*тж.* gather up) поднимать, подбирать (*с земли, с пола*)

    to gather the pieces of a broken dish - подобрать осколки разбитой тарелки

  4. 1) кутаться (*во что-л.*)

    he gathered his scarf around his neck - он потуже замотал шею шарфом

    he gathered his cloak around him - он закутался в плащ

    she gathered her skirts - она подобрала юбку

  2) прижимать к себе

    he gathered her in his arms - он заключил её в объятия

    she gathered the crying child in her arms - она прижала к груди плачущего ребёнка

  5. 1) накоплять, скапливать

    to gather wealth - сколотить состояние

    to gather facts [information] - собирать факты [сведения]

  2) накапливаться, скапливаться

    a storm is gathering - собираются тучи, будет буря, пахнет грозой

  3) постепенно накапливать, приобретать (*какие-л. качества, свойства*)

    to gather strength, to gather one's energies - накоплять силы, набираться сил; собираться с силами

    with gathering force - с нарастающей силой

    to gather experience - накапливать /приобретать/ опыт

    to gather speed - набирать /увеличивать/ скорость, ускорять ход

    to gather way - набирать скорость /ход/ (*о судне*)

    to gather volume - усиливаться (*о звуке, голосе и т. п.*)

    to gather rust - заржаветь

    to gather dust - запылиться

    her complexion gathered colour - она порозовела /посвежела/

  6. делать вывод, приходить к заключению

    I gather she's ill - надо думать, что она заболела

    I gather he's abroad - он, по-видимому, за границей

    to gather from facts [intimations, remarks] - заключать из фактов [намёков, замечаний]

    I could gather nothing from his statement - я ничего не мог понять из его заявления

    I didn't gather much from the confused story he told me - я мало чего понял из его сбивчивого рассказа

    as you will have gathered - как вам стало ясно

    I gather you don't like him - у меня такое ощущение, что он вам не нравится

    as far as I can gather - насколько я могу судить

  7. 1) собирать в сборки, складки (*платье и т. п.*)

    to gather the dress at the waist - собрать /присборить/ платье в талии

    a gathered skirt - юбка в сборку

  2) морщить (*лоб*)

    to gather one's brows - сдвинуть брови; нахмуриться

  8. нарывать

    to gather head - а) нарывать (*о фурункуле*); б) войти в силу, созреть, достичь высшей точки /апогея/

  9. *полигр.* подбирать листы

    ◇ to gather one's breath - передохнуть, перевести дух

    to gather oneself (together) - а) собраться с силами; б) взять себя в руки

    to gather one's wits - собраться с мыслями; сообразить

    to gather heart - мужаться; воспрянуть духом, подбодриться

    to gather (life's) roses - срывать цветы удовольствия

to gather into the wind - *мор.* подниматься к ветру
to gather the ball - *спорт.* завладеть мячом
to be gathered to one's fathers /people/ - отправиться к праотцам

gather

gather [**gather gathers gathered gathering**] *BrE* [ˈɡæðə(r)]   *NAmE* [ˈɡæðər]

verb

COME/BRING TOGETHER
1. intransitive, transitive to come together, or bring people together, in one place to form a group
 • A crowd soon gathered.
 • **+ adv./prep.** His supporters gathered in the main square.
 • Can you all **gather round** ? I've got something to tell you.
 • The whole family **gathered together** at Ray's home.
 • **be gathered + adv.prep.** They were all **gathered round** the TV.
 • A large crowd was gathered outside the studio.
 • The kids were **gathered together** in one room.
2. transitive to bring things together that have been spread around
 • **~ sth** People slowly gathered their belongings and left the hall.
 • **~ sth together/up** I waited while he gathered up his papers.

COLLECT
3. transitive **~ sth** to collect information from different sources
 • Detectives have spent months gathering evidence.
4. transitive **~ sth** to collect plants, fruit, etc. from a wide area
 • to gather wild flowers

CROPS/HARVEST
5. transitive **~ sth (in)** (formal or literary) to pick or cut and collect crops to be stored
 • It was late August and the harvest had been safely gathered in.

BELIEVE/UNDERSTAND
6. transitive, intransitive (not used in the progressive tenses) to believe or understand that sth is true because of information or evidence you have
 • **~ (that)…** I gather (that) you wanted to see me.
 • I gather from your letter that you're not enjoying your job.
 • **~ (sth)** 'There's been a delay.' 'I gathered that.'
 • 'She won't be coming.' ' **So I gather** .'
 • You're self-employed, I gather.
 • **As far as I can gather** , he got involved in a fight.
 • **From what I can gather** , there's been some kind of problem.

INCREASE
7. transitive **~ sth** to increase in speed, force, etc
 • The truck **gathered speed** .
 • During the 1980s the green movement **gathered momentum** .
 • Thousands of these machines are **gathering dust** (= not being used) in stockrooms .

OF CLOUDS/DARKNESS
8. intransitive to gradually increase in number or amount
 • The storm clouds were gathering.
 • the gathering gloom of a winter's afternoon

CLOTHING
9. transitive to pull a piece of clothing tighter to your body
 • **~ sth around you/sth** He gathered his cloak around him.
 • **~ sth up** She gathered up her skirts and ran.
10. transitive **~ sth (in)** to pull parts of a piece of clothing together in folds and sew them in place
 • She wore a skirt gathered (in) at the waist.

HOLD SB
11. transitive **~ sb + adv./prep.** to pull sb towards you and put your arms around them
 • She gathered the child in her arms and held him close.
 • He gathered her to him.

PREPARE YOURSELF
12. transitive **~ sth/yourself** to prepare yourself to do sth that requires effort
 • I sat down for a moment to gather my strength.
 • She was still trying to gather her thoughts together when the door opened.

- Fortunately the short delay gave him time to gather himself.
- He paused to gather his breath.

see a rolling stone gathers no moss **at** ↑roll ᵥ.

<u>Verb forms:</u>

verb forms		
present simple		
I / you / we /they	gather	
	BrE / ˈɡæðə(r)/	
	NAmE /ˈɡæðər/	
he / she /it	gathers	
	BrE / ˈɡæðəz/	
	NAmE /ˈɡæðərz/	
past simple, past participle	gathered	
	BrE / ˈɡæðəd/	
	NAmE /ˈɡæðərd/	
-ing form	gathering	
	BrE / ˈɡæðərɪŋ/	
	NAmE /ˈɡæðərɪŋ/	

<u>Word Origin:</u>
Old English gaderian, of West Germanic origin; related to Dutch gaderen, also to ↑together.

<u>Thesaurus:</u>
gather verb I
1.
- A crowd soon gathered.

mass • • **assemble** • • **rally** • • **meet** • |informal **get together** • |formal **convene** •

Opp: disperse, **Opp:** scatter
gather/mass/assemble/rally/meet/get together/convene **for** sth
crowds/supporters gather/assemble/rally
people gather/mass/assemble

Gather, mass or assemble? **Gather** is the most general of these words. **Mass** emphasizes the large number of people involved **Assemble** is more formal and refers to arranged meetings.

2. T
- They gathered their belongings and left.

collect • • **accumulate** • • **amass** •

Opp: scatter
gather/collect/accumulate/amass **data/evidence /information**

Gather or collect? When talking about things, use **gather** for **things**, **belongings** or **papers** when the things are spread around within a short distance; use **collect** to talk about getting examples of sth from different people or places.

<u>Synonyms :</u>
collect
gather • accumulate • amass
These words all mean to get more of sth over a period of time, or to increase in quantity over a period of time.
collect • to bring things or information together from different people or places; to gradually increase in amount in a place: ▪ We've been collecting data from various sources. ◇▪ Dirt had collected in the corners of the room.
People sometimes **collect** things of a particular type as a hobby: ▪ to collect stamps .
gather • to bring things together that have been spread around; to collect information from different sources: ▪ I waited while he ▪ gathered up ▪ his papers. ◇▪ Detectives have spent months gathering evidence.
collect or gather?
Both **collect** and **gather** can be used in the same way to talk about bringing together data, information or evidence. When talking about things, **gather** is used with words like things, belongings or papers when the things are spread around within a short distance. **Collect** is used for getting examples of sth from different people or places that are physically separated.
accumulate • (rather formal) to gradually get more and more of sth over a period of time; to gradually increase in number or quantity over a period of time: ▪ I seem to have accumulated a lot of books. ◇▪ Debts began to accumulate.
amass • (rather formal) to collect sth in large quantities, especially money, debts or information: ▪ He amassed a fortune from silver mining.
to collect/gather/accumulate/amass **data/evidence /information**
to accumulate/amass **a fortune/debts**
dirt/dust/debris collects /accumulates
to **gradually /slowly** collect/gather/accumulate (sth)

<u>Example Bank:</u>
- As the weeks passed, Charlotte began to gather strength.
- He gathered her close and kissed her.
- He gathered her into his arms.
- She gathered the child to her.
- She hastily gathered all her belongings together.
- She was still trying to gather her thoughts when the door opened.
- The boys gathered around the car.

- The movement for reform rapidly gathered momentum.
- They are all gathering for a major conference.
- 'She won't be coming.' 'I gathered that.'
- 'There's been a delay.' 'So I gather.'
- As far as I can gather, he got involved in a fight.
- Can you all gather round? I've got something to tell you.
- From what they could gather, there had been some kind of problem back at the base.
- I gather from your letter that you're not enjoying your job.
- I gather you wanted to see me.
- She gathered her things together and got to her feet.
- The whole family gathered together at Ray's home.
- They lived in the forest, gathering mushrooms and berries to eat.

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gather

I. gath‧er [1] **S3 W2** /ˈgæðə $ -ər/ *BrE* *AmE* *verb*

[Language: Old English; Origin: gaderian]

1. **COME TOGETHER** [intransitive and transitive] to come together and form a group, or to make people do this:
- A crowd gathered to watch the fight.
- Thousands of people gathered outside the embassy.

gather around/round
- Gather round, everyone, so that you can see the screen.
- During the air raids, we gathered the children around us and sang songs.

gather together
- Could the bride's family all gather together for a photo?

be gathered
- Dozens of photographers were gathered outside Jagger's villa.

2. **KNOW/THINK** [intransitive, transitive not in progressive] to believe that something is true because of what you have seen or heard **SYN understand**:
- You two know each other, I gather.

gather (that)
- I gather you've had some problems with our sales department.

from what I can gather/as far as I can gather (=this is what I believe to be true)
- She's his niece, from what I can gather.

3. **COLLECT** [intransitive and transitive] to get things from different places and put them together in one place:
- The researcher's job is to gather information about people.
- They had gathered 440,000 signatures to support their demand.

gather up/together
- Debbie gathered up the clothes.

4. **gather speed/force/momentum etc** to move faster, become stronger, get more support etc:
- The cart gathered speed as it coasted down the hill.
- The international relief effort appears to be gathering momentum.

5. **gather dust** if something gathers dust, it is not being used:
- books just gathering dust on the shelf

6. **CLOTH** [transitive]
a) to pull material into small folds:
- The skirt is gathered at the waist.
b) to pull material or a piece of clothing closer to you:
- Moira gathered her skirts round her and climbed the steps.

7. **gather yourself/your strength/your thoughts** to prepare yourself for something you are going to do, especially something difficult:
- I took a few moments to gather my thoughts before going into the meeting.

8. **CLOUDS/DARKNESS** [intransitive] *literary* to gradually become more cloudy or get darker:
- Storm clouds were gathering so we hurried home.

the gathering darkness/dusk/shadows etc
- the evening's gathering shadows

9. **gather somebody to you/gather somebody up** *literary* to take someone into your arms and hold them in order to protect them or show them love

II. gather [2] *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable]
a small fold produced by pulling cloth together

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gather

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