

gentle

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1. [dʒentl] а

1. 1) мягкий, добрый; кроткий; нежный, ласковый

gentle nature - мягкий /кроткий/ характер

gentle heart - доброе /нежное/ сердце

the gentle sex - прекрасный пол

gentle look - а) нежный взгляд; б) кроткий вид

gentle call - нежный зов; ласковый оклик

gentle manners - мягкие манеры

gentle music - тихая /нежная/ музыка

to be gentle with one's hands - иметь ласковые руки

a very gentle person, who never loses her temper - кроткое создание, которое никогда не выходит из себя

as gentle as a lamb - кроткий как овечка

2) тихий, спокойный

gentle river - спокойная река

2. лёгкий, слабый

gentle heat - умеренная жара

gentle push - лёгкий толчок

in a gentle voice - тихим голосом

don't press him, try a little gentle persuasion - не нажимайте на него, попытайтесь воздействовать на него лаской /мягким обращением/

gentle rebuke - мягкий упрёк

gentle rustle in the grass - слабое шуршание /-ый шорох/ в траве

the car came to a gentle stop - автомобиль плавно остановился

gentle glow - неяркий свет

gentle breeze - а) лёгкий ветерок; б) *мор.* слабый ветер (3 балла)

3. послушный, смиренный; прирученный, ручной

4. отлогий, пологий

gentle slope - отлогий скат

5. знатный, родовитый

gentle blood - благородная кровь

of gentle birth - благородного рода /происхождения/

6. *уст.* благородный, великодушный; благовоспитанный, учтивый

gentle knight - благородный рыцарь

gentle reader - благосклонный читатель (обращение автора к читателю)

2. [dʒentl] v редк.

1. смягчать; успокаивать

2. облагораживать

3. приручать; объезжать (лошадь)

II

[dʒentl] n

опарыш, личинка мясной мухи (как наживка при ужениии)

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gentle [gentle gentles gentled gentling gentler gentlest] BrE ['dʒentl] ^m
 NAmE ['dʒentl] ^m adjective (gent-ler BrE ['dʒentlə(r)] ^m; NAmE ['dʒentlər] ^m gent-lest BrE ['dʒentlɪst] ^m; NAmE ['dʒentlɪst] ^m)

1. calm and kind; doing things in a quiet and careful way

- a quiet and gentle man
- a gentle voice/laugh/touch
- She was the gentlest of nurses.
- He lived in a gentler age than ours.
- Be gentle with her!
- She agreed to come, after a little **gentle persuasion**.
- He looks scary but he's really a **gentle giant**.

2. (of weather, temperature, etc.) not strong or extreme

- a gentle breeze
- the gentle swell of the sea
- Cook over a gentle heat.

3. having only a small effect; not strong or violent

- We went for a gentle stroll.
- a little **gentle exercise**
- This soap is very gentle on the hands.

4. not steep or sharp

- a **gentle slope/curve/angle**

see also ↑gently

Derived Word ↑gentleness

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French **gentil** 'high-born, noble', from Latin **gentilis** 'of the same clan', from **gens**, **gent-** 'family, race', from the root of **gignere** 'beget'. The original sense was 'nobly born', hence 'courteous, chivalrous'; later 'mild, moderate in action or disposition' (mid 16th cent.).

Thesaurus:

gentle *adj.*

1.

- Be gentle with her!
- He's such a sweet, gentle man.

sensitive • • **sympathetic** • • **understanding** • • **compassionate** • • **humane** • |sometimes disapproving **soft** •

Opp: rough

gentle/sensitive/sympathetic/understanding/compassionate **towards** sb

a gentle/sensitive/sympathetic/compassionate/humane **manner/man**

(in) a gentle/sensitive/sympathetic/compassionate/humane **way**

2.

- Cook over a gentle heat.

light • • **mild** •

Opp: vigorous

(a) gentle/light **breeze/wind/rain**

gentle/light **work/exercise**

a light/mild **punishment**

Gentle, light or mild? **Gentle** is used especially to describe weather, temperature, work and exercise. **Light** is used especially to describe weather, work, exercise and punishments. **Mild** is used especially to describe weather, diseases, drugs, criticism and punishment.

Example Bank:

- She was very gentle with the children.
- The new treatments are gentle on your hair.
- 'Don't worry, just relax,' Louise's voice was gentle.
- He looks scary, but he's really a gentle giant.
- He was a young man with a quiet, gentle manner.
- She agreed to come, after a little gentle persuasion.
- The professor gave a gentle smile.

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gentle **S3 W3** /'dʒentl/ *BrE* " *AmE* " *adjective*

[**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑gentleness; **adverb:** ↑gently; **adjective:** ↑gentle]

[**Date:** 1200-1300; **Language:** French; **Origin:** gentil, from Latin gentilis 'of a family, of the same family', from gens; ⇒ ↑gentile]

1. kind and careful in the way you behave or do things, so that you do not hurt or damage anyone or anything **OPP** rough:

" Arthur was a very gentle, caring person.

gentle voice/smile/touch

" 'Where does it hurt?' she asked in a gentle voice.

gentle with

" Be gentle with the baby.

2. not extreme, strong, or violent

gentle exercise/walk/stroll etc

" a program of regular gentle exercise

" the gentle pressure of Jill's hand

" After a little gentle persuasion, she agreed to go back to her family.

" Melt the butter over a gentle heat (=low heat).

3. a gentle wind or rain is soft and light:

" a gentle breeze

4. a gentle hill or slope is not steep or sharp:

" the gentle slopes of Mt Pelée

—**gentleness** *noun* [uncountable]

⇒ ↑gently

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