

gear

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1. [gɪə] *n*

1. *тех.* механизм; привод
2. 1) приспособление, устройство
landing gear - механизм для посадки (*самолёта*)
steering gear - рулевое управление
- 2) принадлежности
hunting gear - охотничье снаряжение
the kitchen gear is in this cupboard - кухонные принадлежности находятся в этом шкафу
- 3) *мор.* такелаж; снасти
fishing gear - рыболовные снасти; орудия лова
- 4) *ав.* шасси
3. *тех.*
 - 1) шестерня, зубчатое колесо
 - 2) зацепление
 - 3) зубчатая передача; редуктор
middle [top, bottom, first, second] gear - средняя [высшая, самая малая, первая, вторая] скорость
in high gear - а) на большой скорости, на третьей скорости; б) в разгоне
low gear - низшая /первая/ передача
reverse gear - задний ход
in gear - а) включённый, сцепленный, действующий; the car is in gear - в машине включено сцепление; б) в порядке, здоровый
out of gear - а) невключённый, недействующий, неработающий; б) нарушенный, дезорганизованный, не в порядке; с расстроенным здоровьем
to get /to put, to set, to throw/ into gear - а) включить передачу; б) включиться в работу, приняться за работу
to go into first [second] gear - переключаться на первую [на вторую] скорость
to throw /to put, to get, to set/ out of gear - а) выключить передачу; б) нарушить /расстроить/ плавный ход (*чего-л.*); дезорганизовать, внести беспорядок
4. 1) вещи
he leaves his gear all over the house - он свои вещи разбрасывает по всему дому
- 2) одежда
he had his tennis gear on - на нём был теннисный костюм
- 3) *сл.* модная одежда
- 4) *уст.* утварь; движимое имущество
- 5) *уст.* платье, одежда, убор

2. [gɪə] *v*

1. *тех.* снабжать приводом
2. приводить в движение, включать (*механизм*)
3. *тех.* зацеплять или сцепляться (*о зубцах колёс*)
4. 1) направлять по определённом, заранее намеченному плану
- 2) (to) приспособлять; ставить в зависимость от
to gear production to the new demand - выпускать продукцию с учётом спроса
modern society is geared to get women into jobs - современное общество устроено так, что женщины вовлекаются в трудовую деятельность
the factory was not geared to cope with an increase of production - эта фабрика не была рассчитана /построена с расчётом/ на увеличение производства
they spent years gearing for the great event - к этому великому событию они готовились многие годы
5. запрягать (*часто gear up*)

II

[gɪə] *a амер. школ. жарг.*

великолепный, классный, мировой, клёвый

gear

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gear [gear gears geared gearing] *noun, verb* BrE [gɪə(r)] [ⓘ] NAmE [gɪr] [ⓘ]*noun*

IN VEHICLE

1. **countable, usually plural** machinery in a vehicle that turns engine power (or power on a bicycle) into movement forwards or backwards
 - Careless use of the clutch may damage the gears.
 - The car pulled up with a screech of brakes and a grinding of gears.
2. **uncountable, countable** a particular position of the **gears** in a vehicle that gives a particular range of speed and power
 - **first/second, etc. gear**
 - **reverse gear**
 - **low/high gear**
 - (BrE) **bottom/top gear**
 - (BrE) **to change gear**
 - (NAmE) **to shift gear**

- When parking on a hill, leave the car **in gear** .
- What gear are you in?
- He drove wildly, crashing through the gears like a maniac.

EQUIPMENT/CLOTHES

3. uncountable the equipment or clothing needed for a particular activity

- **climbing/fishing/sports, etc. gear**

see also ↑headgear, ↑riot gear

4. uncountable (informal) clothes

- wearing the latest gear

POSSESSIONS

5. uncountable (informal) the things that a person owns

- I've left all my gear at Dave's house.

MACHINERY

6. uncountable (often in compounds) a piece of machinery used for a particular purpose

- **lifting/towing/winding, etc. gear**

see also ↑landing gear

SPEED/EFFORT

7. uncountable, countable used to talk about the speed or effort involved in doing sth: (BrE) The party organization is **moving into top gear** as the election approaches.

- (NAme) to **move into high gear**

- Coming out of the final bend, the runner **stepped up a gear** to overtake the rest of the pack.

DRUGS

8. uncountable (slang) illegal drugs

Word Origin:

Middle English: of Scandinavian origin; compare with Old Norse **gervi** Early senses expressed the general meaning 'equipment or apparatus', later 'mechanism': hence sense 1 (early 19th cent.).

Thesaurus:

gear noun U

- Have you brought your walking gear?

equipment • • **kit** • • **apparatus** • • **hardware** • • **material** • |informal **stuff** • |especially BrE, informal **things** •

state-of-the-art/up-to-date/the latest gear/equipment/kit/hardware

electronic/electrical gear/equipment/apparatus/hardware/stuff

have/use the (right) gear/equipment/kit/apparatus/hardware/materials/stuff/things

Collocations:

Driving

Having a car

have/own/ (BrE) **run** a car

ride a motorcycle/motorbike

drive/prefer/use an automatic/a manual/(NAme, informal) a stick shift

have/get your car **serviced/fixed/repaired**

buy/sell a used car/(especially BrE) a second-hand car

take/pass/fail a (BrE) driving test/(both NAme) driver's test/road test

get/obtain/have/lose/carry a/your (BrE) driving licence/(NAme) driver's license

Driving

put on/fasten/ (NAme) **buckle/wear/undo** your seat belt/safety belt

put/turn/leave the key in the ignition

start the car/engine

(BrE) **change/** (NAme) **shift/put sth into** gear

press/put your foot on the brake pedal/clutch/accelerator

release the clutch/(especially BrE) the handbrake/(both NAme) the emergency brake/the parking brake

drive/park/reverse the car

(BrE) **indicate** left/right

(especially NAme) **signal** that you are turning left/right

take/miss (BrE) the turning/(especially NAme) the turn

apply/hit/slam on the brake(s)

beep/honk/ (especially BrE) **toot/** (BrE) **sound** your horn

Problems and accidents

a car **skids/crashes (into sth)/collides (with sth)**

swerve to avoid an oncoming car/a pedestrian

crash/lose control of the car

have/be in/be killed in/survive a car crash/a car accident/(NAme) a car wreck/a hit-and-run

be run over/knocked down by a car/bus/truck
dent/hit (BrE) the bonnet/(NAme) the hood
break/crack/shatter (BrE) the windscreen/(NAme) the windshield
blow/ (especially BrE) burst/puncture (BrE) a tyre/(NAme) a tire
get/have (BrE) a flat tyre/a flat tire/a puncture
inflate/change/fit/replace/check a tyre/tire

Traffic and driving regulations

be caught in/get stuck in/sit in a traffic jam
cause congestion/tailbacks/traffic jams/gridlock
experience /face lengthy delays
beat/avoid the traffic/the rush hour
break/observe/ (NAme) drive the speed limit
be caught on (BrE) a speed camera
stop sb for/pull sb over for/ (BrE, informal) be done for speeding
(both informal) run/ (BrE) jump a red light/the lights
be arrested for/charged with (BrE) drink-driving(both US) driving under the influence (DUI)/driving while intoxicated (DWI)
be banned/ (BrE) disqualified from driving

Synonyms:

clothes

clothing • garment • dress • wear • gear

These are all words for the things that you wear, such as shirts, jackets, dresses and trousers.

clothes • [pl.] the things that you wear, such as shirts, jackets, dresses and trousers.

clothing • [U] (rather formal) clothes, especially a particular type of clothes: ▪ warm clothing

clothes or clothing?

Clothing is more formal than **clothes** and is used especially to mean 'a particular type of clothes'. There is no singular form of **clothes** or **clothing**: a piece/an item/an article of clothing is used to talk about one thing that you wear such as a dress or shirt.

garment • (formal) a piece of clothing: ▪ He was wearing a strange shapeless garment.

Garment should only be used in formal or literary contexts; in everyday contexts use a piece of clothing.

dress • [U] clothes, especially when worn in a particular style or for a particular occasion: ▪ We were allowed to wear casual dress on Fridays.

wear • [U] (usually in compounds) clothes for a particular purpose or occasion, especially when it is being sold in shops/stores: ▪ the children's wear department

gear • [U] (informal) clothes: ▪ Her friends were all wearing the latest gear ▪ (= fashionable clothes) ▪.

casual clothes/clothing/dress/wear/gear

evening/formal clothes/dress/wear

designer/sports clothes/clothing/garments/wear/gear

children's/men's/women's clothes/clothing/garments/wear

to have on/be in/wear ...clothes/garments/dress/gear

Synonyms:

equipment

material • gear • kit • apparatus

These are all words for the things that you need for a particular purpose or activity.

equipment • the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity: ▪ camping equipment ◇▪ a piece of equipment

material • things that are needed for a particular activity: ▪ household cleaning materials ◇▪ teaching material

equipment or material?

Equipment is usually solid things, especially large ones. **Materials** may be liquids, powders or books, CDs, etc. containing information, as well as small solid items.

gear • the equipment or clothes needed for a particular activity: ▪ Skiing gear can be expensive.

kit • a set of tools or equipment that you use for a particular purpose: ▪ a first-aid kit ◇▪ a tool kit

apparatus • the tools or other pieces of equipment that are needed for a particular activity or task: ▪ breathing apparatus for firefighters ◇▪ laboratory apparatus

Apparatus is used especially for scientific, medical or technical purposes.

electrical/electronic equipment/gear/apparatus

sports equipment/gear/kit

camping equipment/gear

a piece of equipment/apparatus

Example Bank:

- Engage first gear and move off.
- He found it hard to switch gears when he retired.
- He was crashing the gears because he was so nervous.
- I was driving along in third gear.
- It's difficult to steer and change gear at the same time.
- Leave the car out of gear.
- She had her running gear on.
- She made a smooth gear change.
- She put the car into first gear and drove off.

- She was the only one wearing expensive designer gear.
- Some drivers leave the car in gear when parking on hills.
- The hot weather makes it hard for soldiers in protective gear.
- The party organization is moving into top gear as the election approaches.
- a group of men in combat gear
- firemen in breathing gear
- the plane's landing gear
- Don't forget to bring your walking gear.
- Her friends were all wearing the latest gear.
- Skiing gear can be expensive.
- The cooking gear is still in the back of the car.
- The shop sells various types of outdoor gear.

Idioms: ↑get into gear ▪ ↑get something into gear ▪ ↑out of gear

Derived ↑gear somebody up ▪ ↑gear something to something ▪ ↑gear up

see get your ass in gear **at** ↑ass

verb

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	gear
	BrE /gɜ:(r)/
	NAmE /gɜr/
he / she /it	gears
	BrE /gɜ:(r)/
	NAmE /gɜr/
past simple, past participle	geared
	BrE /gɜ:(d)/
	NAmE /gɜrd/
-ing form	gearing
	BrE /gɜ:(r)ɪŋ/
	NAmE /gɜrɪŋ/

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Example Bank:

- Our training programmes are geared specifically to the needs of older workers.
- an economy exclusively geared towards tourism

gear

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I. gear¹ **S3** /gɪə \$ ɡɪr/ **BrE** ^ˈ **AmE** ^ˈ **noun**

[**Language:** Old English; **Origin:** gearwe]

1. IN CARS ETC [**uncountable and countable**] the machinery in a vehicle such as a car, truck, or bicycle that you use to go comfortably at different speeds:

- His mountain bike had 18 gears.
- Andy drove cautiously along in third gear.
- Does this thing have a reverse gear?
- Any cyclist can climb a difficult hill; you just change gear.
- Don't turn off the engine while you're still in gear.
- It's a good habit to take the car out of gear while you're at a stoplight.

2. [uncountable and countable] used to talk about the amount of effort and energy that someone is using in a situation:

- During this period, Japan's export industries were in top gear (=were as active as they could be).
- The Republican's propaganda machine moved into high gear.

step up a gear **British English** (=increase the level of effort)

- United stepped up a gear in the second half.

3. change gear **British English**, **change/switch/shift gears** **American English** to start doing something in a different way, especially using more or less energy or effort:

- The boss expects us to be able to change gear just like that.

4. EQUIPMENT [**uncountable**] a set of equipment or tools you need for a particular activity:

- He's crazy about photography – he's got all the gear.
- We'll need some camping gear.

5. CLOTHES [**uncountable**] a set of clothes that you wear for a particular occasion or activity:

- Bring your rain gear.
- police in riot gear

6. MACHINERY [**uncountable**] a piece of machinery that performs a particular job:

- the landing gear of a plane
- heavy lifting gear

7. DRUGS [**uncountable**] **British English informal** a word meaning illegal drugs, used by people who take drugs

8. get your ass in gear **American English informal** used to tell someone to hurry **SYN** **move your ass**:

You'd better get your ass in gear – you're late.

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COLLOCATIONS

■ adjectives

- **first/second/third etc gear** The heavy traffic meant that we seldom got out of second gear.
- **a low gear** (=first or second gear) You should use a low gear when going up a hill.
- **a high gear** (=third, fourth, or fifth gear) Put the car into a higher gear.
- **top gear** *British English* (=the highest gear) Hamilton slipped effortlessly into top gear.
- **bottom gear** *British English* (=the lowest gear) The car trundled slowly forward in bottom gear.
- **reverse gear** (=for driving backwards) He put the truck into reverse gear.

■ verbs

- **change gear** (also **switch/shift gears** *American English*) It takes some time to learn when to change gear.
- **put the car etc into (first/second/third etc) gear** He put the car into gear, and they moved slowly forwards.
- **engage first/second etc gear** (=put the car into gear) Nick struggled to engage first gear.
- **be in the wrong gear** The straining noises from the engine told him that he was in the wrong gear.
- **crunch/grind the gears** (=change gear in a way that makes an unpleasant noise) He crunched the gears into reverse.

II. gear² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ verb [transitive]

be geared to somebody/something to be organized in a way that is suitable for a particular purpose or situation:

¹ The typical career pattern was geared to men whose wives didn't work.

be geared to do something

¹ The course curriculum is geared to span three years.

gear up *phrasal verb*

to prepare for something

gear up for

¹ The organization is gearing up for a convention in May.

gear up/be geared up to do something

¹ Fast food restaurants are geared up to serve thousands of people daily.

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