gel

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gel [gel gels gelled gelling] noun, verb BrE [d₃el] noun uncountable, countable

- a thick substance like jelly, especially one used in products for the hair or skin
 - hair/shower gel

Word Origin:

- n. and v. sense 4 late 19th cent. †gelatin
- v. senses 1 to 3 late 19th cent. gel [†]gel 'gelatin' jell [†]jelly

verb (-II-)

1. intransitive (BrE) (also jell NAmE, BrE) (of two or more people) to work well together; to form a successful group

NAmE [dʒel]

- We just didn't gel as a group.
- 2. intransitive (BrE) (also jell NAmE, BrE) (of an idea, a thought, a plan, etc.) to become clearer and more definite; to work well
- Ideas were beginning to gel in my mind.
- That day, everything gelled.
- 3. intransitive (also jell especially in NAmE) (technical) (of a liquid) to become thicker and more solid; to form a [†]gel
- **4.** transitive, usually passive ~ **sth** to put [†]gel on your hair

Verb forms: verb forms

present simple	
I / you / we /they	gel
	BrE /dʒel/
	NAmE /dʒel/
he / she /it	gels
	BrE /dgelz/
	NAmE /dgelz/
past simple, past participle	gelled
	BrE /dʒəld/
	NAmE /dʒeld/
-ing form	gelling
	BrE /dʒelɪŋ/
	NAmE /dʒelɪŋ/

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See also: **†jell**

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- I. gel¹/dʒel/ BrE AmE noun [uncountable and countable]
 - a thick wet substance that is used in beauty or cleaning products:
 - hair gel
 - shower gel

II. gel² BrE AmE verb (past tense and past participle gelled, present participle gelling)

- 1. (also jell especially American English) [intransitive] if a thought, plan etc gels, it becomes clearer or more definite: Don't start writing until the idea has gelled in your mind.
- 2. (also jell especially American English) [intransitive] if two or more people gel, they start working well together as a group gel with
 - He did not gel with Chapman.
 - After two days, the group gelled into a team.
- 3. (also jell especially American English) [intransitive] if a liquid gels, it becomes firmer or thicker
- 4. [transitive] to put gel into your hair:
- gelled hair
- **III.** gel³/dʒel/ BrE AmE noun [countable] British English old-fashioned used to represent the word 'girl', when it is said in this way

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