gel [gel gels gelled gelling] noun, verb $\operatorname{BrE}$ [dzel] * NAmE [dzel] "
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 19 th cent. igelatin
v. senses 1 to 3 late 19th cent. gel $\uparrow$ gel 'gelatin' jell $\uparrow j e l l y$

## verb (-II-

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

- 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 igel
4. transitive, usually passive $\sim$ sth to put $\uparrow$ gel on your hair

Verb forms: verb forms

| present simple |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1 / you / we / they | gel |
|  | Pre /dyeld |
|  | NAmE /dyel/ |
| he/she /t | gels |
|  | BrE /dyelz/ |
|  | NAmE /dyelz/ |
| past simple, past participle | galled |
|  | Bre / dyeld/ |
|  | NamE /dyeld/ |
| -ing form | gelling |
|  | Bre /dyeloy/ |
|  | NAmE/dyelm/ |

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See also: ${ }^{\text {1jell }}$
gel
I. gel ${ }^{1} / \mathrm{dzel} / \mathrm{BrE}{ }^{凶} \quad \mathrm{AmE}$. noun [uncountable and countable]
a thick wet substance that is used in beauty or cleaning products:

* hair gel
«. shower gel
II. gel ${ }^{2} \mathrm{BrE}$ * 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. gel $^{3} / \mathrm{dzel} / \mathrm{BrE}^{*}$ AmE* noun [countable] British English old-fashioned
used to represent the word 'girl', when it is said in this way

## gel

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    gels \({ }^{356}\)
    gelling \({ }^{22}\)
    gelled 71