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g short for **gram** or **grams**

gabble *verb* **gabbl**es, **gabbl**ing, **gabbl**ed
to gabble is to talk so quickly that it is difficult to hear the words

gable *noun* **gab**les
the three-sided part of a wall between two sloping roofs

gadget (say **gaj**-uht) *noun* **gad**gets
a small device or tool that helps you with a particular task
SAME AS: appliance, contraption (*informal*), implement, instrument, tool.

gag *noun* **gag**s
1 something put over someone's mouth to stop them from speaking
2 (*informal*) a joke
2 **SAME AS:** jest, wisecrack.

gag *verb* **gag**s, **gag**ging, **gag**ged
to gag someone is to put a gag over their mouth
SAME AS: muzzle, silence.

gaggle *noun*
a flock of geese

gaily *adverb*
in a cheerful way

gain *verb* **gain**s, **gain**ing, **gain**ed
1 to gain something is to get it when you did not have it before
2 a clock or watch gains when it goes ahead of the correct time
to gain on someone is to come closer to them when you are following them
1 **SAME AS:** achieve, acquire, attain, obtain, procure, receive, secure.
OPPOSITE: forfeit, lose.

gain *noun* **gain**s
something you have got that you did not have before; profit
SAME AS: advantage, benefit, dividend, income, return, reward.
OPPOSITE: loss.

gait *noun* **gai**ts
a way of walking or moving

gala (say **gah**-luh) *noun* **gal**as
1 a festival
2 a series of sports contests, especially in swimming
1 **SAME AS:** carnival, fair, fete, pageant.

galah *noun* **gal**ahs
1 a pink-breasted Australian cockatoo with a grey back
2 (*Australian informal*) a fool or idiot

WORD ORIGIN This word originally comes from the Aboriginal language Yuwaalaraay.

galaxy (say **gal**-uhk-see) *noun* **gal**axies
a very large group of stars

WORD BUILDING **galactic** *adjective*

gale *noun* **gal**es
a very strong wind
SAME AS: cyclone, hurricane, storm, tempest, tornado, typhoon, willy willy (*informal*).

gallant *adjective*
1 brave
2 polite and helpful

WORD BUILDING **gallantly** *adverb*
gallantry *noun*

1 **SAME AS:** courageous, daring, fearless, heroic, intrepid, valiant.
OPPOSITE: cowardly.
2 **SAME AS:** chivalrous, considerate, courteous, gentlemanly, suave.
OPPOSITE: discourteous.

galleon *noun* **gal**leons
a large Spanish sailing ship used in the 16th and 17th centuries

gallery *noun* **gal**leries
1 a platform sticking out from the inside wall of a building
2 the highest set of seats in a cinema or theatre
3 a long room or passage
4 a building or room for showing works of art

galley *noun* **galleys**

- 1 an ancient type of long ship driven by oars
- 2 the kitchen in a ship or plane

gallon *noun* **gallons**

a measure of liquid, 8 pints or about 4.5 litres

gallop *noun* **gallops**

- 1 the fastest pace that a horse can go
- 2 a fast ride on a horse

gallop *verb* **gallops, galloping, galloped**

- 1 a horse gallops when it runs very fast
- 2 to gallop is to ride fast on a horse

gallows *plural noun*

gallows are a framework with a noose for hanging criminals

galore *adjective*

in large amounts

The players were scoring runs galore.

galvanise *verb* **galvanises, galvanising, galvanised**

- 1 to galvanise iron is to coat it with zinc to protect it from rust
- 2 to galvanise someone is to stimulate or shock them into doing something

gamble *verb* **gambles, gambling, gambled**

- 1 to gamble is to play a betting game for money
- 2 to gamble with something is to take great risks with it

WORD BUILDING **gambler** *noun*

gamble *noun* **gambles**

- 1 a bet or chance
His idea of a gamble was a dollar on the lottery.
- 2 a risk
We were taking a bit of a gamble on the weather being good.

game *noun* **games**

- 1 something that you can play, usually with rules
a game of chess
He likes car racing games on his computer.
 - 2 a section of a long game like tennis
 - 3 a trick or scheme
It was difficult to know what their game might be.
 - 4 wild animals or birds hunted for sport or food
- to give the game away** is to reveal a secret
- 1 **SAME AS:** amusement, entertainment, pastime, recreation, sport.
 - 2 **SAME AS:** bout, competition, contest, event, match, round.

game *adjective*

- 1 able and willing to do something
Are you game for a swim?
- 2 brave
She was game to swim in the ocean.
- 2 **SAME AS:** bold, courageous, daring, fearless, intrepid, plucky.
OPPOSITE: afraid.

game *verb* **games, gaming, gamed**

- 1 to game a situation is to manipulate it in a way that is unfair or unscrupulous
The big company gamed the system for its financial advantage.
- 2 to game is also to play a gambling or video game
Most of her friends like to game and watch movies on the weekend.

gamekeeper *noun* **gamekeepers**

someone whose job is to protect game birds and animals, especially from poachers

gamer *noun* **gamers**

someone who plays video games

gaming *noun*

gaming is playing gambling or video games

gander *noun* **ganders**

a male goose

gang *noun* **gangs**

- 1 a group of people who do things together
- 2 a group of criminals
- 1 **SAME AS:** crew, squad, team, troop.
- 2 **SAME AS:** band, bunch, group, mob (*informal*), pack.

gang *verb* **gangs, ganging, ganged**

to gang up on someone is to form a group to oppose them or frighten them

gangplank *noun* **gangplanks**

a plank for walking on to or off a ship

gangrene *noun*

rotting flesh caused by a stop in blood circulation

gangster *noun* **gangsters**

a member of a gang of violent criminals

SAME AS: bandit, crook (*informal*), desperado, robber, ruffian, thug.

gangway *noun* **gangways**

- 1 a gap left for people to move along between rows of seats or through a crowd
- 2 a movable bridge for getting on or off a ship
- 1 **SAME AS:** aisle, passage.

gaol *noun & verb*

a different spelling of **jail**