

THESAURUS

jealous feeling unhappy because someone has something that you want and cannot have: *Maybe he's jealous because I got the job and he didn't.* | *Sharon had always been jealous of her sister's long blonde hair.*

envious especially written wishing that you had something nice or special that someone else has: *When I saw the garden, I was really envious.* | *She knew she was beautiful and enjoyed the envious looks of other women.*

green with envy very envious: *You'll be green with envy when you see their new house.*

jealous-ly /ˈdʒeləsi/ *adv* **1** if you jealously guard or protect something, you try very hard to keep or protect it: *a jealously guarded secret* **2** if you do something jealously, you are feeling jealous when you do it: *Ludens watched Marcus jealously.*

jealous-y /ˈdʒeləsi/ ●●● *n* (plural **jealousies**) [C,U] a feeling of being jealous → **envy**: *a pang/stab/twinge of jealousy* (=a sudden feeling of jealousy) *Polly felt a sharp pang of jealousy when she saw Paul with Suzanne.* | **Sexual jealousy** is a common motive for murder. | feelings of **professional jealousy** | He quickly discovered the **petty jealousies** and gossip of village life.

jeans /dʒiːnz/ ●●● [S2] [W3] *n* [plural] trousers made of DENIM (=a strong, usually blue, cotton cloth)

Jeep /dʒiːp/ *n* [C] trademark a type of car made for travelling over rough ground

jeer /dʒɪə \$ dʒɪr/ *v* [I,T] to laugh at someone or shout unkind things at them in a way that shows you do not respect them: *'You know I'm right!' she jeered.* | *The president was booed and jeered by a crowd of protesters.* | [+at] *Fans jeered at the referee.* — **jeer** *n* [C]: *There were jeers and booing from the audience.* — **jeering** *n* [U]

jeering-ing /ˈdʒɪərɪŋ \$ ˈdʒɪr-/ *adj* [only before noun] a jeering remark or sound is unkind and shows that you do not respect someone: *jeering laughter*

Jeeves /dʒiːvz/ a character in many humorous stories by P. G. Wodehouse. Jeeves is the VALET (=male servant) of an UPPER-CLASS young man called Bertie Wooster, and is a very patient sensible man. Wooster depends on him a lot and he always manages to solve Wooster's problems.

jeez /dʒiːz/ *interjection informal* used to express feelings such as surprise, anger, annoyance etc

jeg-gings /ˈdʒegɪŋz/ *n* [plural] very tight JEANS, or LEG-GINGS that are the same colour blue as jeans

Je-ho-vah /dʒɪˈhəʊvə \$ -ˈhəʊ-/ a name given to God in the Old Testament (=first part of the Bible)

Je-hovah's 'Witness *n* [C] a member of a religious organization that believes the end of the world will happen soon and sends its members to people's houses to try to persuade them to join

je-june /dʒɪˈdʒuːn/ *adj formal* **1** ideas that are jejune are too simple: *jejune political opinions* **2** boring

Jek-yll and Hyde /ˌdʒekəl ənd ˈhaɪd/ *n* [C] someone who is sometimes nice but at other times is unpleasant

jell /dʒel/ *v* [I] another spelling of GEL

jell-ied /ˈdʒelɪd/ *adj* [only before noun] especially BrE cooked or served in jelly: *jellied eels*

Jell-O, jello /ˈdʒeləʊ \$ -ˈloʊ/ *n* [U] trademark AmE a soft sweet food made from fruit juice and GELATIN [SYN] **jelly** BrE

jelly-ly /ˈdʒeli/ ●●● [S3] *n* (plural **jellies**)

1 [C,U] BrE a soft sweet food made from fruit juice and GELATIN [SYN] **Jell-O** AmE: *raspberry jelly*

2 [C,U] a thick sweet substance made from boiled fruit and sugar with no pieces of fruit in it, eaten especially on bread → **jam**: *a peanut butter and jelly sandwich* | *damson jelly*

3 [U] especially BrE a soft solid substance made from meat juices and GELATIN

4 [U] a substance that is solid but very soft, and moves

easily when you touch it: *frogs' eggs floating in a protective jelly*

5 feel like/turn to jelly if your legs or knees feel like jelly, they start to shake because you are frightened or nervous

6 jellies [plural] BrE informal drugs that make you feel relaxed and sleepy, which some people use illegally

7 jellies [plural] shoes made of clear coloured plastic

'jelly baby *n* [C] BrE a small soft sweet made in the shape of a baby, that comes in a variety of colours

'jelly bean *n* [C] a small soft sweet with different tastes and colours that is shaped like a bean

jelly-fish /ˈdʒelɪfɪʃ/ *n* (plural **jellyfish**) [C] a sea animal that has a round transparent body and can sting you

'jelly roll *n* [C] AmE a long thin cake that is rolled up with JAM or cream inside [SYN] **Swiss roll** BrE

jem-my /ˈdʒemi/ *n* (plural **jimmies**) BrE, **jimmy** (plural **jimmies**) AmE [C] a short strong metal bar used especially by thieves to break open locked doors, windows etc — **jimmy** *v* [T]

je ne sais quoi /ʒə nə seɪ ˈkwɑː/ *n* [singular] a good quality that you cannot easily describe — often humorous: *the je ne sais quoi that makes the village magical* **jeop-ar-dize** (also **-ise** BrE) /ˈdʒepədəɪz \$ -ə-/ *v* [T] to risk losing or losing something important: *large-scale military offensives which could jeopardize the UN peace process*

jeop-ar-dy /ˈdʒepədi \$ -ər-/ *n* in **jeopardy** in danger of being lost or harmed: *Thousands of jobs are in jeopardy.* | **put/place sth in jeopardy** *The killings could put the whole peace process in jeopardy.*

jer-e-mi-ad /dʒərəˈmeɪəd/ *n* [C] formal a long speech or piece of writing that complains about a situation, or says that bad things will happen

jerk¹ /dʒɜːk \$ dʒɜːrk/ ●●● *v*

1 [I,T] to move with a quick sudden movement, or to make part of your body move in this way: *Wilcox jerked his head to indicate that they should move on.* | *'Is that the only way out of here?' he asked, jerking a thumb at the door.* | [+back/up/forwards etc] *Suddenly, he jerked back in his chair.* | *The sound of the phone jerked me awake.*

2 [I,T] to pull something suddenly and roughly: [+at] *Doyle jerked at the girl's hair to make her sit down.* | *She jerked open the car door and got out.*

jerk sb around *phr v* AmE informal to waste someone's time or deliberately make things difficult for them

jerk off *phr v* especially AmE informal not polite to MASTURBATE

jerk out sth *phr v* written to say something quickly and nervously: *'Don't lie,' she jerked out.*

jerk² *n* [C] **1** a sudden quick movement: *He gave a sudden jerk of his head.* | **with a jerk** *She started the car with a jerk and hit the bumper of the car in front.* **2** informal someone, especially a man, who is stupid or who does things that annoy or hurt other people [SYN] **idiot**: *I swore at him for being such a jerk.*

jerk³ *adj* **jerk chicken/pork etc** meat that has been left in spices or covered with spices before being cooked

jer-kin /ˈdʒɜːkɪn \$ -ɜːr-/ *n* [C] a short jacket that covers your body but not your arms, worn in the past

jerk-y /ˈdʒɜːki \$ -ɜːr-/ *adj* **jerk-y** movements are rough, with many starts and stops [OPP] **smooth**: *His skin was dry and hot, his breathing rapid and jerky.* | *The bus came to a jerky halt.* — **jerkyly** *adv* — **jerkiness** *n* [U]

jerky² *n* [U] AmE meat that has been cut into thin pieces and dried in the sun or with smoke

JELLYFISH

