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thix·ot·ro·py  (thĭk-sŏt rə-pē)

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n.

The property exhibited by certain gels of becoming fluid when stirred or shaken and returning to the semisolid state upon standing.

[Greek *thixis*, touch (from *thinganein*, *thig-*, to touch; see **dheigh-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)) + *-TROPY*.]

thix'o·trop ic (thĭk'sə-trŏp ĭk) *adj.*

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