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adj.

Very cold; icy: *gelid ocean waters*. See Synonyms at [cold](#).

[Latin *gelidus*, from *gelū*, frost; see **gel-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

ge·lid *i·ty* (jə-lĭd ĭ-tē), **gel id·ness** *n.*

gel id·ly *adv.*

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