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gate ¹ (gāt)

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n.

1. A structure that can be swung, drawn, or lowered to block an entrance or a passageway.
2.
 - a. An opening in a wall or fence for entrance or exit.
 - b. The structure surrounding such an opening, such as the monumental or fortified entrance to a palace or walled city.
3.
 - a. A doorway or walkway in a terminal, as at an airport, through which passengers proceed when embarking or disembarking.
 - b. A waiting area inside a terminal, abutting such a doorway or walkway.
4. A means of access: *the gate to riches*.
5. A mountain pass.
6. The total paid attendance or admission receipts at a public event: *a good gate at the football game*.
7. A device for controlling the passage of water or gas through a dam or conduit.
8. The channel through which molten metal flows into a shaped cavity of a mold.
9. *Sports* A passage between two upright poles through which a skier must go in a slalom race.
10. A logic gate.

tr.v. **gat·ed, gat·ing, gates**

1. *Chiefly British* To confine (a student) to the grounds of a college as punishment.
2. *Electronics* To select part of (a wave) for transmission, reception, or processing by magnitude or time interval.
3. To furnish with a gate: "*The entrance to the rear lawn was also gated*" (*Dean Koontz*).

Idioms:

get the gate *Slang*

To be dismissed or rejected.

give (someone) the gate *Slang*

1. To discharge from a job.
2. To reject or jilt.

[Middle English, from Old English *geat*.]

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gate ² (gāt)

Share:

n.

Archaic

1. A path or way.
2. A particular way of acting or doing; manner.

[Middle English, from Old Norse *gata*; see **ghē-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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suff.

A scandal involving alleged illegal acts and often a cover-up, especially by government officials: *Irangate*.

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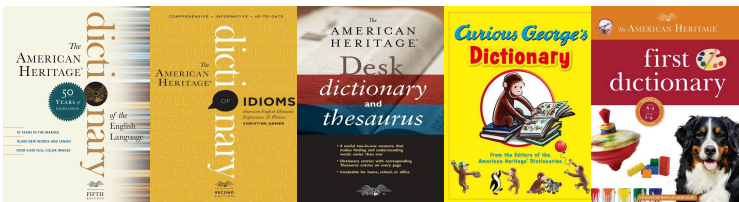
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