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quell  (kwěł)

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tr.v. **quelled**, **quell·ing**, **quells**

1. To put down forcibly; suppress: *Police quelled the riot.*
2. To pacify; quiet: *finally quelled the children's fears.*

[Middle English *quellen*, to kill, from Old English *cwellan*; see **gwela-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

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