girdle

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NAmE [ˈg₃□rd̞l gir-dle [girdle girdles girdled girdling] noun, verb BrE ['g3 dl*

1. a piece of women's underwearthat fits closely around the body from the waist to the top of the legs, designed to make a woman look thinner

- 2. (literary) a thing that surrounds sth else
 - carefully tended lawns set in a girdle of trees

3. (old-fashioned) a belt or thick string fastened around the waist to keep clothes in position

Word Origin:

Old English gyrdel, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch gordel and German Gürtel, also to †gird and †girth.

verb ~ sth (literary)

to surround sth

A chain of volcanoes girdles the Pacific.

Verb forms: verb forms

verb forms	1
present simple	
I / you / we /they	girdle
	BrE / 'ga:dl/
	NAmE / gs:rdl/
he / she /it	girdles
	BrE / 'ga:dlz/
	NAmE / gs:rdlz/
past simple, past participle	girdled
	BrE / 'ga:dlid/
	NAmE / gs:rdld/
-ing form	girdling
	BrE / 'ga:dluŋ/
	NAmE / gs:rdlm/

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I. gir dle 1 / g3 dl\$ 'g3 r/- BrE * AmE noun [countable]

[Language: Old English; Origin: gyrdel]

a piece of women's underwear which fits tightly around her stomach, bottom, and hips and makes her look thinner

II. girdle ² BrE **AmE** verb [transitive] literary

to surround something:

the formal garden that girdled the house

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girdles 75

girdling 23

girdled 32

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