latex [latex latexes latices] BrE ['leɪteks] NAmE ['leɪteks] noun uncountable

1. a thick white liquid that is produced by some plants and trees, especially rubber trees. Latex becomes solid when exposed to air, and is used to make medical products

latex gloves

2. an artif iciasubstance similar to this that is used to make paints, glues, etc.

Word Origin:

mid 17th cent. (denoting various bodily f luidsespecially the watery part of blood): f rorbatin, literally 'liquid, fluid'.

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la tex /'leɪteks/ BrE AmE noun [uncountable] [Date: 1600-1700; Language: Latin; Origin: 'liquid]

- a thick white liquid produced by some plants, especially the rubber tree, and used in making rubber, paint, glue etc:
 a doctor's latex gloves
- 2. an artif iciasubstance similar to latex

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