['gleı](ə)l] a 1. 1) ледниковый; гляциальный glacial epoch [era, period] - ледниковая эпоха [эра, -ый период] glacial man - человек ледникового периода 2) ледникового происхождения 2. ледовый, ледяной enormous glacial masses - огромные массы льда 3. леденящий, студёный glacial weather - очень холодная погода glacial wind - очень холодный ветер 4. холодный, бесстрастный glacial smile - холодная улыбка his glacial manner of speaking - его ледяной тон 5. *хим.* кристаллизованный glacial acetic acid - ледяная /безводная/ уксусная кислота glacial Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed. gla·cial BrE ['gleɪʃl] \* NAmE ['gleɪʃl] \* BrE ['gleɪsiəl] NAmE ['gleɪsiəl] adjective 1. usually before noun (geology) connected with the Ice Age the glacial period (= the time when much of the northern half of the world was covered by ice) 2. (technical) caused or made by †glaciers; connected with †glaciers · a glacial landscape glacial deposits/erosion 3. (formal) very cold; like ice Syn: ficy glacial winds/temperatures the glacial waters of the Arctic The dining room was glacial. 4. (formal) (of people) cold and unfriendly, not showing feelings Syn: ficy · Her expression was glacial. Relations between the two countries had always been glacial.

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Word Origin:

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[glacial] mid 17th cent.: from French, or from Latin glacialis 'icy', from glacies 'ice'.

glacial /ˈgleɪ∫əl/ BrE " AmE " adjective

[Date: 1600-1700; Language: Latin; Origin: glacialis, from glacies 'ice']

1. relating to ice and glaciers, or formed by glaciers:

a glacial valley

- glacial deposits
- 2. a glacial look or expression is extremely unfriendly SYN icy
- 3. extremely slow:

Change was coming, but at a glacial pace.

- 4. extremely cold SYN icy:
  - a glacial wind

—glacially adverb

## THESAURUS

- slow not moving quickly or not doing something quickly: I was always one of the slowest runners in my class. | My computer's really slow compared to the ones at school.
- gradual happening, developing, or changing slowly over a long period of time: a gradual rise in the Earth's temperature | I've noticed a gradual improvement in his work.
- **leisurely** especially written moving or doing something slowly, especially because you are enjoying what you are doing and do not have to hurry: a leisurely breakfast | They walked at a leisurely pace.
- unhurried especially written moving or doing something in a slow and calm way, without rushing at all: She continued to listen, seeming relaxed and unhurried. I the doctor's calm unhurried manner
- sluggish moving or reacting more slowly than usual, especially because of a loss of power or energy. Also used when business, sales, or the economy seem very slow: The car seems rather sluggish going uphill. | The drink was making her sluggish. | the company's sluggish performance this year | Sales have been sluggish.
- lethargic moving slowly, because you feel as if you have no energy and no interest in doing anything: She woke up feeling heavy and lethargic. | His son seemed depressed and lethargic.
- **languid** *literary* slow and with very little energy or activity used about people, actions, or periods of time: She lifted her hand in a languid wave. I a long languid afternoon in the middle of summer I He was pale and had rather a languid air about him.
- glacial literary extremely slow used especially about the speed at which something happens: Things are changing, but at a
  glacial pace.

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