

## The Goose and the Golden Eggs - Fable

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One morning, a farmer went to the nest of his goose and discovered a strange egg. It was bright yellow, shiny, and far heavier than any ordinary egg. At first, the farmer believed someone was trying to fool him, and he nearly threw the egg away. After thinking for a moment, however, he decided to take it home to examine it more carefully.



To his amazement, the farmer soon realized that the egg was made of pure gold. Overjoyed, he sold it for a large sum of money. The next morning, the goose laid another golden egg, and the same thing happened day after day. By selling one egg each morning, the farmer slowly became very wealthy and enjoyed the comfort his fortune brought him.

As time passed, his wealth changed him. The more money he earned, the greedier he became. He began to feel impatient and complained that one egg a day was not enough. "Why should I wait?" he thought. "If I cut the goose open, I can take all the golden eggs at once."

When the goose learned of the farmer's cruel plan, she flew away to a nearby farm. The next morning, the farmer rushed to the nest but found it empty.

**Moral:** *He who wants more often loses everything. Greed can destroy what patience would have preserved.*

## Questions for “The Goose and the Golden Eggs”

1. Where did the farmer go one morning? What did he find there?
2. What was unusual about the egg the farmer found?
3. Why did the farmer almost throw the egg away?
4. What did the farmer discover when he examined the egg at home?
5. How did the farmer become rich over time?
6. How did the farmer’s feelings change as he grew wealthier?
7. What plan did the farmer make because of his greed?
8. What did the goose do when she heard the farmer’s plan?
9. What did the farmer find in the nest the next day?
10. What lesson does this story teach us?

### Answers:

1. The farmer went to the goose’s nest and found a strange egg.
2. The egg was shiny, yellow, and very heavy.
3. He thought someone was playing a trick on him.
4. He discovered that the egg was made of pure gold.
5. He sold one golden egg each day and slowly became rich.
6. He became greedy and impatient.
7. He decided to cut the goose open to get all the eggs at once.
8. The goose flew away to a nearby farm.
9. He found nothing in the nest.
10. Greed can cause us to lose what patience would have given us.