

# egg

I

## 1. [eg] n

### 1. яйцо

goose's [hen's] eggs - гусиные [куриные] яйца  
 hard-boiled egg - яйцо вкрутую, крутое яйцо  
 soft-boiled egg - яйцо всмятку  
 poached egg - яйцо-пашот  
 powdered eggs - яичный порошок  
 shell eggs - натуральные яйца (*не порошок*)  
 fried egg(s) - яичница-глазунья  
 scrambled egg(s) - яичница-болтунья  
 ham [bacon] and eggs - яичница с ветчиной [с беконом]  
 egg tray - картонный поддон для яиц  
 egg dish - блюдо из яиц

### 2. 1) зародыш

in the egg - в зародыше, в начальной стадии  
 to crush in the egg - подавить в зародыше

### 2) биол. яйцеклетка

### 3. разг. человек, парень

bad egg - непутёвый человек /малый/; негодяй  
 good egg - славный парень /малый/; молодец  
 odd egg - чужак  
 dumb egg - тупица, олух

### 4. воен. жарг. бомба; мина

to lay eggs - сбрасывать бомбы; устанавливать мины  
 ◇ to be like as two eggs - ≅ быть похожими как две капли воды  
 to put all one's eggs in one basket - рисковать всем сразу; ≅ поставить всё на карту  
 to shave an egg - делать невыполнимую или бесполезную работу  
 to teach one's grandmother to suck eggs - учить учёного /старшего/ ≅ яйца курицу не учат  
 to have eggs on the spit - ≅ хлопот полон рот  
 there is reason in roasting eggs - и яичницу делают не без причины; на всё есть свой резон  
 to tread upon eggs - а) действовать осмотрительно тщательно выбирать слова; б) вступить на опасную почву; касаться щекотливого вопроса  
 to lay an egg - провалиться с треском (*о спектакле и т. п.*)  
 go lay an egg! - *амер. аруб.* убирайся!, проваливай!  
 he was left with egg on his face - он совершенно оскандалился /проявил полную несостоятельность/; ему пришлось краснеть за себя  
 to be full as an egg - *амер. сл.* быть пьяным до бесчувствия /в стельку/

## 2. [eg] v

1. смазывать яичным желтком
2. разг. забрасывать (тухлыми) яйцами
3. собирать птичьи яйца

II

[eg] редк. = egg on

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**egg** [egg eggs egged egging] noun, verb BrE [eg] <sup>m</sup> NAmE [eg] <sup>m</sup>

noun



**1. countable** a small ↑oval object with a thin hard shell produced by a female bird and containing a young bird; a similar object produced by a female fish, insect, etc

- The female sits on the eggs until they hatch.
- The fish lay thousands of eggs at one time.
- crocodile eggs

**2. countable, uncountable** a bird's **egg**, especially one from a chicken, that is eaten as food

- a **boiled egg**
- bacon and eggs
- **fried/poached/scrambled eggs**
- Bind the mixture together with a little beaten egg.
- You've got some egg on your shirt.
- **egg yolks/whites**

- egg noodles
- ducks'/quails' eggs
- a chocolate egg (= made from chocolate in the shape of an egg)

**see also** ↑Easter egg, ↑Scotch egg

**3. countable** (*in women and female animals*) a cell that combines with a ↑sperm to create a baby or young animal

**Syn:** ↑ovum

- The male sperm fertilizes the female egg.
- an egg donor

**see also** ↑nest egg

**more at** a chicken-and-egg situation, problem, etc. **at** ↑chicken <sub>n.</sub>, the curate's egg **at** ↑curate, kill the goose that lays the golden eggs **at** ↑kill <sub>v.</sub>, you can't make an omelette without breaking eggs **at** ↑omelette, sure as eggs is eggs **at** ↑sure <sub>adv.</sub>, teach your grandmother to suck eggs **at** ↑teach

Word Origin:

- n.** Middle English *ey* Old English *æƷg* Old Norse
- v.** Middle English Old Norse *eggja* 'incite'

Collocations:

**The living world**

*Animals*

animals **mate/breed/reproduce/feed (on sth)**  
 fish/amphibians **swim/spawn (= lay eggs)**  
 birds **fly/migrate/nest/sing**  
 insects **crawl/fly/bite/sting**  
 insects/bees/locusts **swarm**  
 bees **collect/gather** nectar/pollen  
 spiders **spin/weave** a web  
 snakes/lizards **shed their skins**  
 bears/hedgehogs/frogs **hibernate**  
 insect larvae **grow/develop/pupate**  
 an egg/a chick/a larva **hatches**  
**attract/find/choose** a mate  
**produce/release** eggs/sperm  
**lay/fertilize/incubate/hatch** eggs  
**inhabit** a forest/a reef/the coast  
**mark/enter/defend** (a) territory  
**stalk/hunt/capture/catch/kill** prey

*Plants and fungi*

trees/plants **grow/bloom/blossom/flower**  
 a seed **germinates/sprouts**  
 leaves/buds/roots/shoots **appear/develop/form**  
 flower buds **swell/open**  
 a fungus **grows/spreads/colonizes sth**  
**pollinate/fertilize** a flower/plant  
**produce/release/spread/disperse** pollen/seeds/spores  
**produce/bear** fruit  
**develop/grow/form** roots/shoots/leaves  
**provide/supply/absorb/extract/release** nutrients  
**perform/increase/reduce** photosynthesis

*Bacteria and viruses*

bacteria/microbes/viruses **grow/spread/multiply**  
 bacteria/microbes **live/thrive** in/on sth  
 bacteria/microbes/viruses **evolve/colonize sth/cause disease**  
 bacteria **break sth down/convert sth (into sth)**  
 a virus **enters/invades** sth/the body  
 a virus **mutates/evolves/replicates (itself)**  
 be **infected with/contaminated with/exposed to** a new strain of a virus/drug-resistant bacteria  
**contain/carry/harbour (especially US) harbor** bacteria/a virus  
**kill/destroy/eliminate** harmful/deadly bacteria

Example Bank:

- Brush the pastry with a little beaten egg.
- Crack two eggs into the mixture.
- Many reptiles bury their eggs.
- Many women conceive through the use of a donor egg.
- Only one sperm fertilizes an egg.
- Separate the eggs, putting the whites to one side.
- She lays a clutch of four eggs on average

- The males stay and guard the eggs.
- We're just decorating eggs for the egg hunt.
- a breakfast of bacon and eggs

**Idioms:** ↑good egg ▪ ↑have egg on over your face ▪ ↑put all your eggs in one basket

**Derived** ↑egg somebody on

verb

**Verb forms:**

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	egg
	BrE /eg/
	NAmE /eg/
he / she / it	eggs
	BrE /egz/
	NAmE /egz/
past simple, past participle	egged
	BrE /egd/
	NAmE /egd/
-ing form	egging
	BrE /egɪŋ/
	NAmE /egɪŋ/

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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old Norse]

**1. BIRD** [countable] a round object with a hard surface, that contains a baby bird, snake, insect etc and which is produced by a female bird, snake, insect etc:

- Blackbirds lay their eggs in March.
- an ostrich egg
- The eggs hatch (=break open to allow the baby out) in 26 days.

**2.**



**FOOD** [uncountable and countable] an egg, especially one from a chicken, that is used for food

**fried/poached/boiled etc eggs**

- Joe always has bacon and egg for breakfast.
- Whisk the egg white (=the white part) until stiff.
- Beat in two of the egg yolks (=the yellow part). ⇒ ↑scrambled egg

**3. EGG SHAPE** [countable] something the same shape as an egg:

- a chocolate Easter egg ⇒ ↑Easter egg

**4. ANIMALS/PEOPLE** [countable] a cell produced by a woman or female animal that combines with ↑sperm (=male cell) to make a baby **SYN ovum**

**5. (have) egg on your face** if someone, especially someone in authority, has egg on their face, they have been made to look stupid by something embarrassing:

- The Pentagon's been left with egg on its face.

**6. put all your eggs in one basket** to depend completely on one thing or one course of action in order to get success, so that you have no other plans if this fails:

- When planning your investments, it's unwise to put all your eggs in one basket.

**7. lay an egg** *American English informal* to fail or be unsuccessful at something that you are trying to do

**8. good egg** *old-fashioned* someone who you can depend on to be honest, kind etc

⇒ **kill the goose that lays the golden egg** at ↑kill<sup>1</sup>(14), ⇒ ↑nest egg

**II. egg**<sup>2</sup> **BrE** <sup>ˈ</sup> **AmE** <sup>ˈ</sup> **verb**

[Date: 1100-1200; Language: Old Norse; Origin: eggja]

**egg somebody** ↔ **on** *phrasal verb*

to encourage someone to do something, especially something that they do not want to do or should not do:

- Bob didn't want to jump, but his friends kept egging him on.

**egg**

12500 **1523**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **1433**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **1k** **EGG** 29376

egg 13386

eggs 15990

**COCA 500k Unlemmatized**

5406 **3154**<sup>13271</sup> *nn1*

24 **86704**<sup>78</sup> *jj*

17 **187422**<sup>18</sup> *vv0*

14 **214670**<sup>14</sup> *vvi*

5 **388594**<sup>5</sup> *np1*

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