

Symbolic Meanings of Gold

Symbolic meanings	Popular expressions	Uses and qualities of Gold
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • integrity • compassion • generosity • goodness 	<p>“she is as good as gold” “a heart of gold” “he’s worth his weight in gold”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • since ancient times, gold has been a measure of value and wealth in numerous cultures • gold is found in a relatively “pure” state in nature
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • excellence • the best • the ultimate • what is most sought after • what is most valued 	<p>“going for the gold” “I struck gold” “a golden voice” “everything he touches turns to gold” “O, to wear a crown of gold”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • gold is the most “precious” of metals • gold is the “perfect” metal • gold is sometimes described as the “superior” metal • in sports and other fields, excellence is awarded with a “gold medal”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what is most safeguarded • what is most protected 	<p>“that’s like trying to break into Fort Knox”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • gold, given its great worth and value, needs to be secured from the threat of theft
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • brilliance • light • illumination • warmth • spiritual realities 	<p>“her face shone like gold” “it glitters like gold”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • gold is a bright, yellow, metallic and luminous metal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • maturity • purity 	<p>“the golden years” “a heart of gold”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • gold is found in a relatively “pure” form in nature • gold, like all metals, must undergo a process of “refinement” • gold’s physical incorruptibility gives it great “endurance”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • utopia • ideal existence 	<p>“the golden age”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the word “gold” is sometimes used to describe periods in history – past or future – that are characterized by peace, abundance, achievement, order, freedom and idealism
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • wealth • success • prosperity • abundance • good fortune 	<p>“I struck gold” “a heart of gold” “it was like discovering a gold mine” “golden opportunity” “the Midas touch”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • since ancient times, gold has been a measure of value and wealth in numerous cultures • gold is the most “precious” of metals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • power • authority 	<p>“O, to wear a crown of gold!”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • gold has often adorned the crowns of kings and rulers