



# Gold



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## KEY

When you see words in a gold panel,

try to read them  
on your own.

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# Introduction

The word *gold* comes from an **Anglo-Saxon** word for yellow – *gelo*.



Other languages have words for gold that sound nearly the same: **Gold** (German), **Guld** (Danish), **Gulden** (Dutch), **Gull** (Norwegian), and **Kulta** (Finnish).



Gold is used for lots of things. It has many useful properties. It:

- is shiny
- is soft
- is bendy
- lasts forever
- conducts electricity
- conducts and reflects heat.



There is not much gold in the world. People want it because it is rare, and this also makes it expensive.



# Shiny

Gold is shiny. It is a warm color like the sun. People have always worn gold as jewelry because it is shiny.



The ancient Egyptians thought the sun was a god. They thought their king, the pharaoh, was a god too. The king wore gold to look like the sun.