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goose  (g s)

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n. pl. geese (gēs)

1.

a. Any of various wild or domesticated waterbirds of the family Anatidae, and especially of the genera *Anser*, *Branta*, and *Chen*, characteristically having a shorter neck than that of a swan and a shorter, more pointed bill than that of a duck.

b. The female of such a bird.

c. The flesh of such a bird used as food.

2. *Informal* A silly person.

3. *pl. goos-es* A tailor's pressing iron with a long curved handle.

4. *Slang* A poke, prod, or pinch between or on the buttocks.

tr.v. goosed, goos-ing, goos-es

Slang

1. To poke, prod, or pinch (a person) between or on the buttocks.

2. To move to action; spur: *goosed the governor to sign the tax bill.*

3. To give a spurt of fuel to (a car, for example); cause to accelerate quickly: *"The pilot goosed his craft, powering away" (Nicholas Proffitt).*

[Middle English *goos*, from Old English *gōs*; see **ghans-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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