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adj. **greed·i·er**, **greed·i·est**

1. Having or showing a strong or excessive desire to acquire money or possess things, especially wishing to possess more than what one needs or deserves.
2. Having or showing a desire to eat or drink in large or excessive amounts.
3. Extremely eager or desirous for an activity or pursuit: *greedy for the opportunity to prove their ability.*

[Middle English *gredi*, from Old English *grædig*; see **gher-**² [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

greed i·ly *adv.*

greed i·ness *n.*

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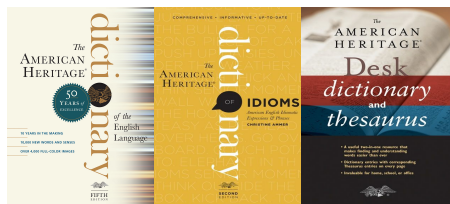
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