

# Etymology

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*Chicken*

GRASS

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# Chicken



- ◎ **Chick-en**
- ◎ **Pronounced: Chik-uh n**
- ◎ **Function: *noun***
- ◎ **Definition: a domestic fowl, descended from various jungle fowl of southeastern Asia, and developed in a number of breeds for it's flesh, eggs, and feathers.**
- ◎ ***Slang*: a cowardly or fearful person**

# More About Chicken

- Origin: before 950; Middle English *chiken*, Old English *cīcen*; akin to Middle Dutch *kieken* ( Dutch *kuiken* ), Low German *küken*.



# Grass

- Pronounced: *gras, grahs*
- Function: *noun*
- Definition: 1; any plant of the family *Gramineae*, having jointed stems, sheathing leaves, and seed like grains. 2; such plants collectively, as when cultivated in lawns or used as pasture for grazing animals or cut and dried as hay.

# More About Grass

- **Origin: before 900; Middle English *gras*, Old English *graes*; cognate with Dutch, German, Old Norse, Gothic *gras*; akin to grow, green.**

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- **Pronounced:** *johnz*
- **Meaning:** “*John’s child*”
- **Slang:** Intense desire, addiction
- **Most commonly heard of in the phrase,** Keeping up with the Joneses.
- **Jones was arose from an earlier use,** as a synonym for *Heroin*.

# More About Jones

- **Origin: a surname of Medieval English, derived from the name John, it is especially common in Wales and south central England.**

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