

Feces

"Scat" *redirects here*. For the form of singing, see [Scat singing](#).

Feces (or **faeces**), also called **poo**, **poop**, or **stool** is the [body](#)'s solid waste left over from eating [food](#). [Human](#) feces leave the [intestinal tract](#) and are removed from the [body](#) through the [anus](#). Feces are known for their unpleasant [odor](#). The color, which can range from dark [green](#) through [brown](#) (the most common color) to bright [yellow](#), depends on a lot of different things; for example, different foods can change the color of feces, so can some illnesses, like [diarrhea](#). The [consistency](#) of feces changes too. In [humans](#) it is measured using the [Bristol stool scale](#), a system for separating feces into 7 different types. It is used for medical diagnosis.

Although feces are generally thought to be [waste](#), they actually have many uses. Feces are used by some scientists to follow [animal populations](#).^[1] Feces from [animals](#) and [humans](#) can be used to create [fertilizers](#) for plant [crops](#).^[2] Some feces are also used as a [fuel](#) for [fires](#).

Animals can also poop. In [informal](#) language, there are many words for feces. These are often [offensive](#) or even [vulgar](#). Examples include "[shit](#)", "poop", and "crap".

In popular culture, there are a few [books](#) about feces. Most of these books are for [children](#). One is called *Everyone Poops*. It was written by Tarō Gomi, who is from [Japan](#).^[3]

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