

expensive[ɪk'spensɪv] *a*

1. дорогой, дорогостоящий

expensive clothes - дорогая одежда

expensive furs - ценные меха

expensive education - образование, стоившее больших денег

expensive indulgence - *образн.* потворство, которое дорого обошлось

to be too expensive for one's pocketbook - быть не по карману

2. *редк.*

1) расточительный

expensive man - расточительный человек

he has an expensive wife - жена ему дорого обходится; жена заставляет его много тратить

2) (of) требующий больших затрат

expensive of time - требующий слишком много времени

expensive of health - подрывающий здоровье

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ex·pen·sive *BrE* [ɪk'spensɪv] ^a *NAmE* [ɪk'spensɪv] ^a **adjective**

costing a lot of money

- an expensive car/restaurant/holiday
- Art books are expensive to produce.
- I can't afford it, it's too expensive.
- Making the wrong decision could **prove expensive** .
- That dress was an **expensive mistake** .

Opp: **↑inexpensive**Derived Word **↑expensively**Word Origin:early 17th cent. (in the sense 'lavish, extravagant'): from Latin **expens-** 'paid out', from the verb **expendere**, from **ex-** 'out' + **pendere** 'weigh, pay' + **↑-ive**.Thesaurus:**expensive** [**expensive expensively**] *adj.*

• I can't afford expensive restaurants.

costly • **overpriced** • *informal* **pricey** •**Opp:** **cheap**, **Opp:** **inexpensive**expensive/costly/pricey **for** sb/sthexpensive/costly **to do sth**Synonyms:**expensive****costly** • **overpriced** • **pricey**

These words all describe sth that costs a lot of money.

expensive • costing a lot of money; charging high prices: ▪ I can't afford it— it's just too expensive for me. ◊▪ an expensive restaurant**costly** • (*rather formal*) costing a lot of money, especially more than you want to pay: ▪ You want to avoid costly legal proceedings if you can.**overpriced** • too expensive; costing more than it is worth: ▪ ridiculously overpriced designer clothes**pricey** • (*informal*) expensive: ▪ Houses in the village are now too pricey for local people to afford**dear** • [not usually before noun] (*BrE*) expensive: ▪ Everything's so dear now, isn't it?

This word is starting to become rather old-fashioned.

expensive/costly/overpriced/pricey **for** sb/sthexpensive/costly **to do sth****very/too/fairly/quite/pretty** expensive/costly/priceyExample Bank:

- Food in this country is getting very expensive.
- Giving every patient an annual anti-flu injection would be prohibitively expensive.
- Her suit looked extremely expensive.
- I found the food very expensive.
- Some of these legal cases are enormously expensive.
- Walls are generally the greatest source of heat loss and correspondingly expensive to tackle.
- discreetly expensive perfume
- Art books are enormously expensive to produce.
- I can't afford it— it's just too expensive for me.
- Making the wrong decision could prove to be expensive.
- That dress was an expensive mistake .
- an expensive restaurant

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- the most expensive restaurant in town
- Petrol is becoming more and more expensive.
- Photography is an expensive hobby.

expensive to buy/run/produce/maintain etc

- The house was too big and expensive to run.
- For low-income families, children's safety equipment can be prohibitively expensive (=so expensive that most people cannot afford it).
- Employing the wrong builder can be a horribly expensive mistake.
- Her husband had expensive tastes (=liked expensive things).

—**expensively** **adverb:**

- She's always expensively dressed.

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COLLOCATIONS**adverbs**

- quite/fairly expensive** The food's quite expensive, but it's really nice.
- rather/pretty expensive** (=more expensive than you expect) I think £1000 for a bed is rather expensive.
- very/extremely expensive** We ate at a very expensive restaurant.
- astronomically/phenomenally expensive** (=used to emphasize how expensive something is) Some new medical treatments are phenomenally expensive.
- hugely expensive** (=extremely expensive, especially when you think something is too expensive) The building is hugely expensive to maintain.
- ridiculously/outrageously/horrendously expensive** (=extremely expensive, in a way that seems shocking) Room service in the hotel was ridiculously expensive.
- extortionately expensive** (=extremely expensive, in a way that is not fair or reasonable) Houses in some parts of London are extortionately expensive.
- prohibitively expensive** *formal* (=too expensive, with the result that most people cannot afford to buy something) HIV medicines are still prohibitively expensive for sufferers in Africa.

verbs

- look expensive** All of her clothes look very expensive.
- prove expensive** Their decision could prove expensive.

nouns

- expensive tastes** (=a desire to have things that are very expensive) His wife has very expensive tastes and his kids always want the latest things.
- an expensive mistake** (=a mistake which results in someone having to spend a lot of money) Choosing the wrong builder turned out to be an expensive mistake.

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- expensive** costing a lot of money: an expensive car | Apartments in the city are very expensive. | An underground train system is expensive to build.
- high** costing a lot of money. You use **high** about rents/fees/prices/costs. Don't use **expensive** with these words: Rents are very high in this area. | Lawyers charge high fees. | the high cost of living in Japan
- dear** [not before noun] *British English spoken* expensive compared to the usual price: £3.50 seems rather dear for a cup of coffee.
- pricey** /'praɪsɪ/ *informal* expensive: The clothes are beautiful but pricey.
- costly** expensive in a way that wastes money: Upgrading the system would be very costly. | They were anxious to avoid a costly legal battle.
- cost a fortune** *informal* to be very expensive: The necklace must have cost a fortune!
- exorbitant** /ɪg'zɔːbɪt, ɪg'zɔːbɪt/ *exorbitant* \$ -ɔːr- much too expensive: Some accountants charge exorbitant fees.
- astronomical** astronomical prices, costs, and fees are extremely high: the astronomical cost of developing a new spacecraft | the astronomical prices which some people had paid for their seats | The cost of living is astronomical.
- overpriced** too expensive and not worth the price: The DVDs were vastly overpriced.
- somebody can't afford something** someone does not have enough money to buy or do something: Most people can't afford to send their children to private schools.

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