

**costly**

[ˈkɒstli] *a*

1. дорогой  
costly furniture [ornaments] - дорогая мебель [-ие украшения]
2. ценный, роскошный, великолепный  
costly jewels - роскошные драгоценности
3. дорого обошедшийся (*об ошибке и т. п.*)  
costly victory - победа, доставшаяся дорогой ценой  
the costliest war in our history - ≅ в нашей истории не было войны, которая потребовала бы таких жертв, как эта

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**cost-ly** [costly costlier costliest] *BrE* [ˈkɒstli] *AmE* [ˈkɒstli] *adjective*

(*cost-lier, cost-li-est*) You can also use **more costly** and **most costly**.

1. costing a lot of money, especially more than you want to pay

**Syn:** †expensive

- Buying new furniture may prove too costly.

2. causing problems or the loss of sth

**Syn:** †expensive

- a **costly mistake/failure**
- Mining can be costly in terms of lives (= too many people can die).

Derived Word †costliness

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/sth**

expensive/costly **to do sth**

**very/too/fairly/quite/pretty** expensive/costly/pricey

Example Bank:

- The six-month delay will be costly for the company.
- These measures could be costly to employers.
- These teaching methods are too costly in terms of staff resources.
- This process is costly in computer time.
- Privatizing the rail network turned out to be a costly mistake for the government
- The old palace may prove too costly for the Duke to maintain.
- You want to avoid costly legal proceedings if you can.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

**cost-ly** /ˈkɒstli \$ ˈkɒstli *BrE* *AmE* *adjective*

1. very expensive, especially wasting a lot of money:

▪ a complex and costly procedure

▪ Such a database would be extremely costly to set up.

2. something that is costly causes a lot of problems or trouble:

▪ His delay in making a decision could prove costly in the long run.

—**costliness** *noun* [uncountable]

**THESAURUS**

- **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** /ˈpraɪsi/ *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** /ɪgˈzɔːbɪtənt, ɪgˈzɔːbɪtənt \$ ˈɔːr- 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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Freakuency Pack

12500 **5494**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **400**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **1k** **COST** 120090

cost 64612

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costs 47198

costly 6018

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COCA 500k Unlemmatized

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