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: the way in which money is used and handled; *especially* : the way in which large amounts of money are used and handled by governments and companies

finances : money available to a government, business, or person

: matters relating to money and how it is spent or saved

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Full Definition of FINANCE

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- plural* : money or other liquid resources of a government, business, group, or individual
- : the system that includes the circulation of money, the granting of credit, the making of investments, and the provision of banking facilities
- : the science or study of the management of funds
- : the obtaining of funds or capital : [FINANCING](#)

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an expert in *finance* who predicts global economic disaster
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²finance *verb*

: to provide money for (something or someone)

: to buy (something) by borrowing money that will be paid back over a period of time

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Full Definition of FINANCE

transitive verb

1 a : to raise or provide funds or capital for <*finance* a new house>

b : to furnish with necessary funds <*finance* a son through college>

2 : to sell something to on credit

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Examples of FINANCE

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First Known Use of FINANCE

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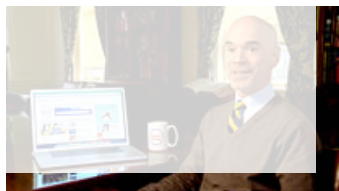
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