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noun | fi-'nan(t)s, 'fi-', fi-'l

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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

- 1 *plural*: money or other liquid resources of a government, business, group, or individual
- 2: the system that includes the circulation of money, the granting of credit, the making of investments, and the provision of banking facilities
- 3: the science or study of the management of funds
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Examples of FINANCE

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- The library closed due to a lack of *finances*.



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verb

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1 : to provide money for (something or someone)

2 : 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

His parents *financed* his college education.

The study was *financed* by a government grant.

They *financed* him to study abroad.

First Known Use of FINANCE

1866

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