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budg·et  (bŭj ĭt)

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n.

1.

a. An itemized summary of estimated or intended expenditures for a given period along with proposals for financing them: *submitted the annual budget to Congress.*

b. A systematic plan for the expenditure of a usually fixed resource, such as money or time, during a given period: *A new car will not be part of our budget this year.*

c. The total sum of money allocated for a particular purpose or period of time: *a project with an annual budget of five million dollars.*

2. A stock or collection with definite limits: *"his budget of general knowledge" (William Hazlitt).*

3. *Appalachian Mountains* A wallet or small pouch.

v. **budg·et·ed**, **budg·et·ing**, **budg·ets**

v.tr.

1. To plan in advance the expenditure of: *needed help budgeting our income; budgeted my time wisely.*

2. To enter or account for in a budget: *forgot to budget the car payments.*

v.intr.

To make or use a budget.

adj.

1. Of or relating to a budget: *budget items approved by Congress.*

2. Appropriate for a restricted budget; inexpensive: *a budget car; budget meals.*

[Middle English *bouget*, wallet, from Old French *bougette*, diminutive of *bouge*, leather bag, from Latin *bulga*, of Celtic origin; see **bhelgh-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots.](#)]

budg et·ar'y (bŭj ĭ-tĕr'ē) *adj.*

budg et·er, **budg'et·eer** (-ĭ-tĭr) *n.*

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