

al·low·ance

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noun

- 1 [countable usually singular] an amount of money that you are given regularly or for a special purpose:

a monthly/annual etc allowance

His father gives him a monthly allowance of £200.

allowance for

*Do you **get an allowance** for clothes?*

Sales staff get a generous mileage allowance or a company car.

If you are entitled to sickness allowance, you must claim it from your employer.

- 2 AMOUNT [countable usually singular] an amount of something that is acceptable or safe:

*the recommended **daily allowance** of Vitamin C*

Passengers' baggage allowance is 75 pounds per person.

- 3 [countable] (BrE) an amount of money that you can earn without paying tax on it:

a new tax allowance

- 4 [countable usually singular] (especially AmE) a small amount of money that a parent regularly gives to a child

SYN pocket money (BrE)

- 5 [uncountable and countable] something that you consider when deciding what is likely to happen, what you should expect etc:

allowance for

There is always an allowance in insurance premiums for whether someone smokes or not.

make (an) allowance/make allowances (for something)

The budget makes allowances for extra staff when needed.

6 make allowance/allowances (for somebody) LET/ALLOW

to let someone behave in a way you do not normally approve of, because you know there are special reasons for their behaviour:

Dad's under pressure – you have to make allowances.

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