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ˈmɒ-nɪ *noun, often attributive* \ˈmɒ-nɪ\

: something (such as coins or bills) used as a way to pay for goods and services and to pay people for their work

: a person's wealth : the money that a person has

monies : amounts of money

plural **moneys** or **monies**

Full Definition of MONEY

- 1 : something generally accepted as a medium of exchange, a measure of value, or a means of payment: as
 - a : officially coined or stamped metal currency
 - b : [MONEY OF ACCOUNT](#)
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- 2
 - a : wealth reckoned in terms of money
 - b : an amount of money
 - c plural : sums of money : [FUNDS](#)
- 3 : a form or denomination of coin or paper money
- 4
 - a : the first, second, and third place winners (as in a horse or dog race) —usually used in the phrases *in the money* or *out of the money*
 - b : prize money <his horse took third *money*>
- 5
 - a : persons or interests possessing or controlling great wealth
 - b : a position of wealth <born into *money*>

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- That painting must be worth a lot of *money*.
- He earned some *money* last summer as a musician.
- We're trying to save enough *money* for a new car.
- The town is raising *money* for the elementary school.
- Friends would always ask her for *money*.
- It's an interesting idea, but there's no *money* in it: it'll never sell.
- He made his *money* in the insurance business.
- They decided to put all their *money* in the stock market.
- We didn't have much *money* when I was growing up.
- Most of the project is being paid for by federal *monies*.

Origin of MONEY

Middle English *moneye*, from Anglo-French *monnaie*, from Latin *moneta* mint, money — more at [mint](#)

First Known Use: 14th century

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²money *adjective*

Definition of MONEY

: involving or reliable in a crucial situation <a *money* player> <a *money* pitch>

First Known Use of MONEY

circa 1934

Rhymes with MONEY

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money *noun* (*Concise Encyclopedia*)

Commodity accepted by general consent as a medium of economic exchange. It is the medium in which [prices](#) and values are expressed; it circulates from person to person and country to country, thus facilitating trade. Throughout history

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