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purchase

1 of 2 verb

pur·chase ('pər-chəs )**purchased; purchasing**[Synonyms of purchase >](#)*transitive verb*

- 1 **a** : to obtain by paying money or its equivalent : **BUY**
b : to acquire (real estate) by means other than descent
c : to obtain by labor, danger, or sacrifice
d archaic : **GAIN, ACQUIRE**
- 2 : to constitute the means for buying
Our dollars *purchase* less each year.

intransitive verb

: to purchase something

('pər-chə-sə-bəl ) **adjective****noun**

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2 of 2 noun

- 1 : an act or instance o

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— Barry Crump

(2) : a means of exerting power

b (1) : a mechanical hold or advantage applied to the raising or moving of heavy bodies

(2) : an apparatus or device by which advantage is gained

But we can give
foundation for y

Verb

buy

pick up

cop [slang]

take

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I need to *purchase* a new heavy coat.

Noun

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Verb

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— Gil Kaufman, *Billboard*, 1 Sep. 2023

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— Radina Gigova, *CNN*, 1 Sep. 2023

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Etymology

Verb

Middle English *purchacen*, from Anglo-French *purchacer* to strive for, obtain, from *por-*, *pur-* thoroughly, to a conclusion (from Latin *pro-* forward, for) + *chacer* to pursue, chase — more at [PRO-](#)

First Known Use

Verb

14th century, in the meaning defined at [transitive sense 1d](#)

Noun

14th century, in the meaning defined at [sense 1](#)

Time Traveler

The first known use of *purchase* was in the 14th century

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pur·chase 'pər-çəs

purchased; purchasing: to get by paying money for : **BUY***purchase* a house

-chə-sə-bəl adjective

noun

purchase 2 of 2 noun

- 1 : an act or instance of purchasing
- 2 : something purchased
- 3 : a secure hold, grasp, or place to stand
could not get a *purchase* on the ledge





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pur·chase

purchased; purchasing*transitive verb*

- 1** : to acquire (real property) by means other than descent or inheritance
- 2** : to obtain by paying money or giving other valuable consideration
specifically : to take (property) by a voluntary transaction (as a sale, mortgage, pledge, lien, or gift) that creates an interest and that is governed by the Uniform Commercial Code
→ see also [BONA FIDE PURCHASER](#)

intransitive verb

: to purchase something

adjective**noun****purchase** 2 of 2 **noun**

: an act or instance of purchasing: as

- a** : the acquiring of real property by any means other than descent or inheritance
- b** : the acquiring of an interest in property especially in exchange for valuable consideration

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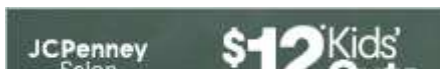
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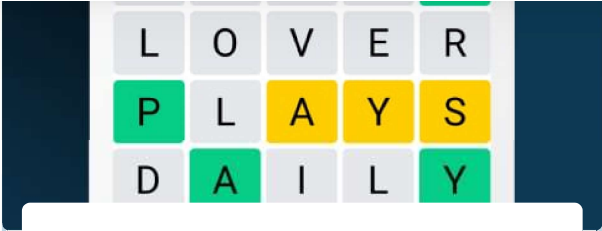
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