

pittance[ˈpɪt(ə)ns] *n*

- скудное вспомоществование *или* жалованье; жалкие гроши (*часто* а mere pittance)
widow's pittance - нищенское пособие за мужа
to earn a scanty pittance - зарабатывать жалкие гроши
- небольшая часть; небольшое количество
a miserable pittance of instruction - жалкое /убогое/ образование
a pittance of hope - крупица надежды
- редк.* скудная пища
- уст.* пожертвование

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pit-tance [pittance pittances] *BrE* [ˈpɪtns] ^m *NAmE* [ˈpɪtns] ^m noun usually

singular

a very small amount of money that sb receives, for example as a wage, and that is hardly enough to live on

- to pay sb a pittance
- to work for a pittance
- She could barely survive on the pittance she received as a pension.

Word Origin:Middle English: from Old French **pittance**, from medieval Latin **pitantia**, from Latin **pietas** 'pity'.**pittance**

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pit-tance /ˈpɪtəns/ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m noun [singular][Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: pitance 'piety, pity', from Latin pietas; ⇒ ↑pity¹]a very small amount of money, especially wages, that is less than someone needs or deserves **OPP** fortune**earn/be paid a pittance**

* The musicians earn a pittance.

work/be sold for a pittance

* The crop was sold for a pittance.

* She raised three children on a pittance.

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