

purse

1. [pɜːs] *n*

- 1) кошелёк
- 2) *амер.* (женская) сумочка, ридикюль
- 3) деньги, богатство, мошна
 long /fat, heavy/ purse - богатство
 slender /lean, light/ purse - тощий кошелёк, безденежье, бедность
 the public purse - казна
 to have a common purse - нести расходы сообща
 to open one's purse, to dig into one's purse - тратиться, раскошелиться
 to button up one's purse - скупиться, скарденничать
 this is beyond my purse - это мне не по карману
- 2) 1) денежный фонд; собранные средства
 to make (up) a purse - а) собирать деньги (*особ.* по подписке); б) делать складчину
- 2) денежный приз; премия или подарок на деньги, собранные по подписке
 to give /to put up/ a purse - присуждать денежный приз (*особ.* в спорте); давать денежную премию
 to win a purse in the race - получить приз на скачках
- 3. что-л. напоминающее мешок, сумку
 purses under the eyes - мешки под глазами
- 4. *зоол.* сумка
- 5. *анат.* мошонка
- 6. мотня (в неводе)
- 7. *редк.* знак, предвестник чего-л. (*раскалённый уголёк, вылетающий из костра и т. п.*)
 ◇ Fortunatus' purse - неистощимое богатство
 a light purse makes a heavy heart - *посл.* ≅ хуже всех бед, когда денег нет
 you cannot make a silk purse out of a sow's ear - из свиного уха шёлковый кошелёк не сошьёшь
 little and often fill the purse - *посл.* ≅ по капельке - море, по зёрнышку - ворох

2. [pɜːs] *v*

- 1) 1) морщить; собирать в складку (*часто* purse up)
 to purse (up) one's mouth /lips/ - поджать губы
- 2) морщиться
- 2. *редк.* класть в кошелёк

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purse [purse purses pursed pursing] *noun, verb* *BrE* [pɜːs] *AmE* [pɜːr]

noun



- 1. **countable** (especially *BrE*) a small bag made of leather, plastic, etc. for carrying coins and often also paper money, cards, etc., used especially by women
 • I took a coin out of my purse and gave it to the child.
compare ↑change purse, ↑wallet
- 2. **countable** (*NAmE*) = ↑handbag
- 3. **singular** the amount of money that is available to a person, an organization or a government to spend
 • We have holidays to suit every purse.
 • Should spending on the arts be met out of the **public purse** (= from government money) ?
- 4. **countable** (*sport*) a sum of money given as a prize in a ↑boxing match
see make a silk purse (out of a sow's ear) **at** ↑silk

Word Origin:

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Example Bank:

- I dug in my purse to find my respirator.
- I rummaged through my purse for my lip gloss.
- She grabbed her purse and headed out the door.
- She had her purse snatched.
- She handed him a bulging velvet purse.
- She slung her black leather purse over her shoulder.
- She wore pink heels with a matching clutch purse.
- The government will have to tighten the purse strings.

- The reforms had drained the public purse.
- There is no money in the purse for this.
- What do you keep in your purse?
- Who holds the purse strings in your house?
- She fumbled in her purse for her glasses.
- Should spending on the arts be met out of the public purse?
- The city has a range of restaurants to suit every purse.

verb ~ your lips

to form your lips into a small tight round shape, for example to show disapproval

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	purse
	BrE /pɜːs/
	NAme /pɜːrs/
he / she / it	purses
	BrE /pɜːsɪz/
	NAme /pɜːrɪsɪz/
past simple, past participle	pursed
	BrE /pɜːst/
	NAme /pɜːrst/
-ing form	pursing
	BrE /pɜːsɪŋ/
	NAme /pɜːrɪsɪŋ/

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I. **purse**¹ S3 /pɜːs/ \$ pɜːrs BrE " AmE " noun

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Late Latin; Origin: bursa; ⇨ †bursar]

1. [countable]

a) **especially British English** a small bag in which women keep paper money, coins, cards etc **SYN wallet** **American English:**

Julie opened her handbag and took out her purse.

b) (also **change purse, coin purse** **American English**) a small bag used to hold coins, used especially by women

2. [countable] **American English** a bag in which a woman carries her money and personal things **SYN handbag** **British English:**

I locked the door and dropped the keys in my purse.

3. [singular] **formal** the amount of money that a person, organization, or country has available to spend:

Election expenses are met from the public purse (=money controlled by the government).

A visit to the new county museum will set the family purse back by around £12.

4. [countable] the amount of money given to someone who wins a sports event, such as a †**boxing** match or a car race:

They will compete for a \$100,000 purse.

5. **the purse strings** used to refer to the control of spending in a family, company, country etc

hold/control the purse strings

It all comes down to who holds the purse strings.

She keeps tight control over the purse strings.

II. **purse**² BrE " AmE " verb [transitive]

if you purse your lips, you bring them together tightly into a small circle, especially to show disapproval or doubt:

Mrs Biddell pursed her lips and shook her head.

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