

Afford

Word of the Week - December 21st, 2022

“Afford” is a verb. It has one main meaning and is usually used with can or could. Let’s find out.

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The verb “afford” means have enough money to pay for.

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+ I love to, but I can’t **afford** it.

+ The house was perfect, but it was more than we could **afford**.

+ The best he could **afford** was a tiny first floor apartment.

+ Don’t worry she can **afford** it.

+ Let’s look at the finances and see how much we can **afford**.

+ Organic food is a luxury that only middle-class people can **afford**.

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An additional meaning of “afford” is having something, such as time or money, available or to spare.

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+ I’m sorry I can’t **afford** to spend any more time on it.

+ He could only **afford** about half an hour to talk about it.

+ I can’t **afford** to be patient too long.

+ We’ve been training hard because we can’t **afford** to lose this match.

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The pronunciation is / ə'fɔ:d /.

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