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*noun* [ S ] • UK /,kɒst əv 'lɪv.ɪŋ/ US /,kɑːst əv 'lɪv.ɪŋ/

★ **the amount of money that a person needs to live:**  
*The increase in interest rates will **raise** the cost of living.*

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*noun* [ U ] • /'kɒst əv 'lɪv-ɪŋ, 'kɒst/

★ **the amount of money that a person needs to buy food, housing, and other basic things:**  
*The cost of living is lower in the Midwest.*

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★ **ECONOMICS** **the amount of money that people need to spend in order to buy basic goods or services such as food, clothes, and a place to live:**  
*The rising cost of living in the country has forced many people to take second jobs.*  
*an **increase/fall in the cost of living***  
*a **high/low cost of living***

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- The index of the **cost of living** was 134.5 in 1837.  
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- An index of below 100 in year 1 would indicate a fall in the **cost of living**.  
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- As demonstrations mounted, demanding a reduction in the **cost of living** and food prices, criticism of the state education system became more accentuated.  
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- The provision of tables showing changes in the **cost of living**, ration allowances and in-ation on basic items is extremely useful.  
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- When the main earner was sick, it became more difficult for a family to raise money for the ordinary **cost of living**.  
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- Adjusting for the fall in agricultural prices relative to the **cost of living** reduces this to 17 per cent.  
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- Between 1929 and 1933 the **cost of living** fell by 10 per cent while wage rates fell by 5 per cent.  
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- Cost of living** indices weight the price of each good relative to its expenditure share in a typical consumer's consumption bundle.  
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