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On screen copy:
So why do people trade options?

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People trade options for a variety of reasons.

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Hedging their Investments
Investors can hedge their holdings from losses beyond a certain point

One reason is to hedge their holdings from future losses over a period of time with a protective put.

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A little background before we begin…
Before we explain hedging with a protective put, we would like to make you aware of some key concepts:

A protective put is one example of a hedging strategy. A put is a type of option that represents the right to sell. Each contract represents 100 shares and includes an agreed upon price known as the strike price, and a specified time frame, known as the expiration date.

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Protective Put
Put
Right to sell
1 Contract
100 Shares
Strike Price
Agreed price
Expiration Date
Time frame

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OPTIONS CONTRACT
XYZ Stock
100 Shares

If you own shares of a stock, you could hedge them by buying a “Put” option. Imagine you own 100 shares of XYZ, which is currently trading around $50 per share.

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Buying a Protective Put
XYZ STOCK PRICE
TODAY
MARKET PRICE $50.00
MARKET PRICE $20.00

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[Line graph shows fictional stock’s price falling]
If XYZ falls to $20, perhaps due to some calamitous event or announcement, your position would lose $3,000 in value.

If you’re worried about a potential future loss, you can buy what’s called a "protective put."

To hedge, you would choose a strike price and a time frame. You now own the right to sell XYZ at the agreed strike price at any time within the specified time frame. To put it another way, you’re hedged against some loss for any time during that period in exchange for the premium you paid for the protective put.

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Buying a Protective Put
PREMIUM $6.00
XYZ STOCK PRICE
Break Even = $56.00 (stock purchase price at $50.00 + premium at $6.00)
Max Gain = Unlimited, Max Loss = Premium
MARKET PRICE $50.00
BREAK EVEN
EXPIRATION DATE
HEDGED PERIOD
STRIKE PRICE $40.00
TODAY
60 DAYS FROM NOW

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[Line graph shows a hedged period with a strike price set to expire in 60 days]

If you choose to sell, your position only loses $1000 in value, compared to losing $3000 without the option.

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MARKET PRICE $20.00
TODAY
10 DAYS FROM NOW

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[Line graph shows market price falling below strike price within the hedged period]

This is how people can use options to hedge their investments.

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