

approach²

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noun

1 **method** [countable] WAY/METHOD a method of doing something or dealing with a problem:

approach to

a new approach to teaching languages

*He decided to **adopt** a different **approach** and teach the Bible through story-telling.*

*This book **takes an** unorthodox **approach** to art criticism.*

*organizations which take a **positive approach** to creative thinking*

2 **ask** [countable] ASK FOR SOMETHING/ASK SOMEBODY TO DO SOMETHING a request from someone, asking you to do something for them:

*They **made** a direct **approach to** the minister of education.*

3 **the approach of something** ALMOST

the approach of a particular time or event is the fact that it is getting closer:

the approach of autumn

It's a sign of the approach of middle age.

4 **movement towards** [uncountable] NEAR movement towards or near to something:

Our approach frightened the birds.

5 **path/road** [countable] TOWARDS a road, path etc that leads to a place, and is the main way of reaching it:

Soldiers were guarding the approaches to the city.

*an **approach road***

6 **aircraft** [countable] the final part of a plane's flight, before it lands at an airport:

*It was clear to land so we **made** our **approach**.*

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