

ac·cess¹

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noun [uncountable]

1 ENTER the right to enter a place, use something, see someone etc:

access to

Access to the papers is restricted to senior management.

*Cats should always **have access** to fresh, clean water.*

2 ENTER how easy or difficult it is for people to enter a public building, to reach a place, or talk to someone:

access for

We're trying to improve access for disabled visitors.

access to

*a villa with **easy access** to the sea*

3 ENTER the way you use to enter a building or reach a place:

Access is by means of a small door on the right.

access to

Access to the restrooms is through the foyer.

4 have access to a car/a computer etc AVAILABLE

to have a car, a computer etc that you can use

5 (BrE) the legal right to see and spend time with your children, a prisoner, an official etc:

My ex-husband has access to the children once a week.

6 gain/get access (to something) ENTER

to succeed in entering a place or in seeing someone or something:

The police managed to gain access through an upstairs window.

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Origin: *accēs* 'arrival', from Latin *accessus* 'approach', from *accedere*; → ACCEDE

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verb [transitive]

to find information, especially on a computer:

Users can access their voice mail remotely.

Access (trademark)

a former type of CREDIT CARD in the UK which is now known as Mastercard

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