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ac·cess 'ak-,ses also ik-'ses

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- 1 a** : permission, liberty, or ability to enter, approach, or pass to and from a place or to approach or communicate with a person or thing
Investigators wanted to get *access* to his home.
consultants who have easy *access* to the president
- b** : freedom or ability to obtain or make use of something
paying for *access* to the Internet
- c** : a way or means of entering or approaching
A canal provides *access* to the river.
a building that provides wheelchair *access* [=a way for people in wheelchairs to enter]
- d** : the act or an instance of [accessing](#) something
- 2 a** : **ONSET sense 2**
an *access* of illness
- b** : a fit of intense feeling : **OUTBURST**
If it had been in Tito's nature to feel an *access* of rage, he would have felt it against this bull-faced accomplice.
— George Eliot
- 3** : an increase by addition
a sudden *access* of wealth



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accessed; accessing; accesses

transitive verb

: to get at : to gain access to: such as

a : to be able to use, enter, or get near (something)

accessed the computer by phone

a system that makes it easier to *access* the money in your bank account

b : to open or load (a computer file, an Internet site, etc.)

a file that can be *accessed* by many users at the same time

Noun

attack

bout

case

fit

seizure

siege

spell

turn

Verb

enter

penetrate

pierce

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Other perks: No-rush returns, early **access** to deals, and freebies on the first of each month.

— Mike Snider, *USA Today*, 20 May 2025

With **access** to strategic resources and a powerful network, many fellows have transformed early-stage ventures into high-growth brands.

— Moira Forbes, *Forbes.com*, 19 May 2025

Verb

However, these groups have historically faced significant barriers, such as the need to visit bank branches or obtain documents in person to **access** such services.

— Christopher Marquis, *Forbes.com*, 20 May 2025

Google's Gemini chatbot is heading to the Chrome browser, giving desktop users another way to **access** the company's rival to ChatGPT.

— Michael Kan, *PC Magazine*, 20 May 2025

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Middle English, "entrance, approach, attack of illness, fever, lovesickness," borrowed from Anglo-French & Latin; Anglo-French *accēs* "attack of illness," (Old French also "liberty to approach"), borrowed from Latin *accessus* "approach, means of entry, right of approach, onset (of fever or illness)," action noun derived from *accēdere* "to approach" — more at [ACCEDE](#)

Verb

derivative of [ACCESS entry 1](#)

First Known Use

Noun

14th century, in the meaning defined at [sense 2a](#)

Verb

1953, in the meaning defined [above](#)

Time Traveler

The first known use of *access* was in the 14th century

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Take a (break/brake) and (pore/pour) over this (cache/cachet/cash) of questions about commonly confused words.

A List of Most Commonly Confused Words

Your one-stop clarification shop

'Access' and 'Excess'

This article provides access to an excess of information.

Style

MLA

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ac·cess ('ak-,ses ▶▶)

- 1 : permission or power to enter, approach, or make use of
access to secret information
Internet *access*
- 2 : a way or means of approach
a nation's *access* to the sea

access 2 of 2 verb

: to get at : gain access to

access noun

ac·cess ('ak-,ses ▶▶)

often attributive

- 1 : permission, liberty, or ability to enter, approach, communicate with, or pass to and from a place, thing, or person
public *access* to federal land

access to the courts



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without being obstructed

- 4** : freedom or ability to obtain, make use of, or participate in something
the right to equal treatment holds with respect to a limited set of interests — like voting — and demands that every person have the same *access* to these interests
— L. H. Tribe
- 5 a** : a way by which a thing or place may be approached or reached
b : passage to and from a place
provide a means of *access* to the land
- 6** : opportunity to view or copy a copyrighted work

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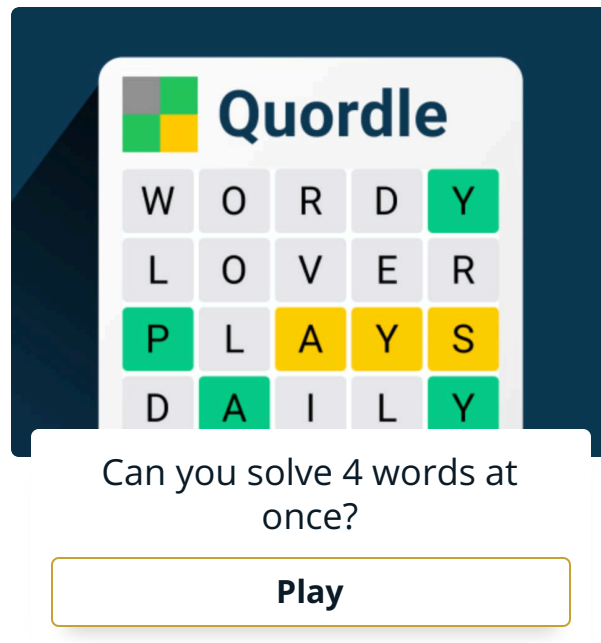
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