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- 1 ★ **access something** (*computing*) to open a computer file or use a computer system
- *Most people use their phones to **access the internet**.*
 - *to access a file/database*
 - *It has never been easier to **access information**.*
 - *All employees can **access real-time data**.*
 - *You should regularly change the password you use to access your online accounts.*
 - **access something via/through something** *Their website can be accessed via the link below.*

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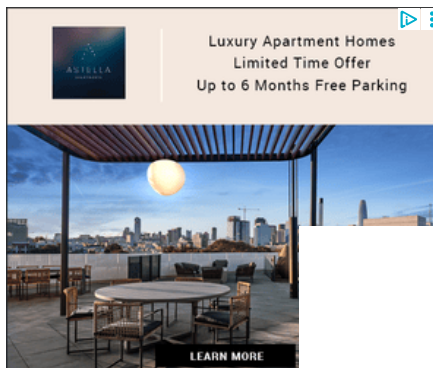
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- 2 ★ **access something** to be able to have or use something, especially something that you have a right to
- *Being informed is the first step towards **accessing** better health services.*
 - *States need to understand how to access the federal resources that are available.*
 - *Businesses often provide their products at a discount in order to access a potential market.*



3 ★ ⓘ B1 [often passive] (*formal*) to reach, enter or use something

- **be accessed** (+ *adv./prep.*) *The loft can be accessed by a ladder.*
- *The balcony is accessed via French doors from the living room.*

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