

rights : the legal authority to reproduce, publish, broadcast, or sell something

Full Definition of RIGHT

- 1** : qualities (as adherence to duty or obedience to lawful authority) that together constitute the ideal of moral propriety or merit moral approval
 - 2** : something to which one has a just claim: as
 - a** : the power or privilege to which one is justly entitled <voting *rights*> <his *right* to decide>
 - b** (1) : the interest that one has in a piece of property — often used in plural <mineral *rights*> (2) *plural* : the property interest possessed under law or custom and agreement in an intangible thing especially of a literary and artistic nature <film *rights* of the novel>
 - 3** : something that one may properly claim as due <knowing the truth is her *right*>
 - 4** : the cause of truth or justice
 - 5** **a** : **RIGHT HAND** 1a; *also* : a blow struck with this hand <gave him a hard *right* on the jaw>
 - b** : the location or direction of the right side <woods on his *right*>
 - c** : the part on the right side
 - d** : **RIGHT FIELD**
 - e** : a turn to the right <take a *right* at the stop sign>
 - 6** **a** : the true account or correct interpretation
 - b** : the quality or state of being factually correct
 - 7** *often capitalized*
 - a** : the part of a legislative chamber located to the right of the presiding officer
 - b** : the members of a continental European legislative body occupying the right as a result of holding more conservative political views than other members
 - 8** **a** *often capitalized* : individuals professing support of the established order and favoring traditional attitudes and practices and conservative governmental policies
 - b** *often capitalized* : a conservative position
 - 9** **a** : a privilege given stockholders to subscribe pro rata to a new issue of securities generally below market price
 - b** : the negotiable certificate evidencing such privilege — usually used in plural
- **right-most** *adjective*
- **by rights** *also* **by all rights**
: with reason or justice : **PROPERLY**
- **in one's own right**
: by virtue of one's own qualifications or properties
- **of right**
 - 1** : as an absolute right
 - 2** : legally or morally exactable