

Definition of 'rights'

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in British English

(raɪts)

PLURAL NOUN

1. those things that one is morally or legally entitled to do or have

voting rights

animal rights

The reforms have created an environment where concern for fathers' rights has increasingly taken precedence over concern for children's rights.

They don't know their rights.

You must stand up for your rights.

equal rights for women

2. the sole legal permission to publish or reproduce something in any form, such as a story or a book

Pinter and Mosley persuaded Spiegel to sell his rights to Joseph Losey.

An agent bought the rights to his life story.

He'd tried to buy the film rights to all of George Bernard Shaw's plays.

3. by rights

4. be within one's rights to do something

5. to put sth to rights

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