

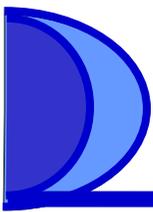
The Letter X

1. X is pronounced [ks] when followed by the letter C or other unvoiced consonants.

extreme	[e ks treme]
extinguish	[e ks tinguish]
except	[e ks ept]
next	[ne ks t]
context	[cont eks t]

2. X is pronounced [gz] when followed by a vowel and is usually stressed on the 2nd syllable.

exist	[e gz ist]
exact	[e gz akt]
exit	[e gz it]
exert	[e gz ert]
executive	[e gz ekyutiv]



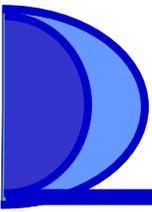
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Also, the letter X can make the following unique sounds:

3. X is pronounced /z/ as in the word *xylphone* /z/ (often located at the beginning of a word)
4. X is pronounced /g/ followed by /zh/ as in the word *luxurious*.
5. X is pronounced /k/ followed by /sh/ as in the word *complexion*.
6. X is pronounced /e/ followed by /ks/ as in the word *x-ray*.

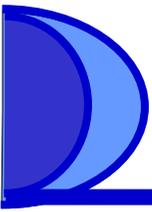
ACTIVITY!

A. Listen carefully as your teacher reads the paragraph. After that, read it to your teacher aloud. And then, identify the words with 'X'.



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The students of Oxford Colleges underwent a fire-response exercise last Monday, February 5, 2018. Due to the recent event of fire in Central London, the school executives decided that it would be helpful to do so. From conducting demo on how to extinguish fire effectively so it won't engulf the whole building to the dos and don'ts of evacuation protocol, everything was covered in the said exercise. The Fire Department expected that people would keep these tips in mind and building owners in the surrounding area are also reminded of the importance of proper emergency exit. In the next couple of months, Oxford will be conducting more disaster response drills and will maintain extreme caution at all times.



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QUIZ!

A. Identify whether each word below has [gz] sound or [ks] sound?

1. exempt

2. influx

3. exurb

4. axis

5. exam

6. text

7. max

8. excel

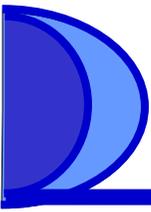
9. toxic

10. lexicon

B. Look at the following pronunciation symbols and guess which words they represent. Type the word in the chat window and read it to your teacher.

EXAMPLE

/ 'æksɪs / --- type the english word – **axis**, then read it to your teacher correctly.



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1) /'ri:flɛks/	6) /'mæk·sɪm/
2) /ɪk'saɪt/	7) /'ziər·ɑks/
3) /'ɛksɪ,kju:t/	8) /'lɒg·zər·i/
4) /ɪg'zæm·pəl/	9) /fæks/
5) /'fɪk.sər/	10) /'ek·skwɪz·ɪt/