

coax

1. [kəʊks] *n*
 1. *разг.*
 - 1) лиса, подлиза
 - 2) льстивая, вкрадчивая речь
 2. *воен. жарг.* пулемёт комплексной установки
2. [kəʊks] *v*
 - 1) уговаривать, задабривать, улещивать
to coax smb. out of his money - выманить у кого-л. деньги
 - 2) добиваться (чего-л.) с помощью лести, уговоров
to coax a secret out of smb. - подольститься к кому-л. и выпытать секрет
 - 3) терпеливოდобиваться (чего-л.)
to coax a fire to burn - терпеливо разжигать огонь

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

coax [coax coaxes coaxed coaxing] *BrE* [kəʊks] ^u *NAme* [kɒks] ^u *verb*

to persuade sb to do sth by talking to them in a kind and gentle way

Syn: ↑cajole

- ~ **sb/sth (into doing sth)** She coaxed the horse into coming a little closer.
- ~ **sb/sth (into/out of sth)** He was coaxed out of retirement to help the failing company.
- ~ **sb/sth (+ adv./prep.)** She had to coax the car along.
- Police managed to coax the man down from the ledge.
- ~ **(sb/sth) + speech** 'Nearly there,' she coaxed.

Derived ↑coax something out of somebody

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	coax
	<i>BrE</i> /kəʊks/
	<i>NAme</i> /kɒks/
he / she /it	coaxes
	<i>BrE</i> /kəʊksɪz/
	<i>NAme</i> /kɒksɪz/
past simple, past participle	coaxed
	<i>BrE</i> /kəʊkst/
	<i>NAme</i> /kɒkst/
-ing form	coaxing
	<i>BrE</i> /kəʊksɪŋ/
	<i>NAme</i> /kɒksɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late 16th cent.: from obsolete cokes 'simpleton', of unknown origin. The original sense was 'fondle', hence 'persuade by caresses or flattery', the underlying sense being 'make a simpleton of'.

Example Bank:

- He gently coaxed life back into my frozen toes.
- She never failed to coax good results out of her pupils.
- 'Come on, just a little bit further,' he coaxed.
- Police managed to coax him down from the ledge.
- She gently coaxes them to speak about their experiences.
- She had coaxed, cajoled and bribed the boys to do what she wanted.

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coax /kəʊks \$ kɒks/ *BrE* ^u *AmE* ^u *verb* [transitive]

[Date: 1500-1600; Origin: cokes 'stupid person' (16-17 centuries)]

1. to persuade someone to do something that they do not want to do by talking to them in a kind, gentle, and patient way:

"Please, Vic, come with us," Nancy coaxed.

coax somebody into/out of (doing) something

"We had to coax Alan into going to school.

coax somebody to do something

"We watched the bear coax its cubs to enter the water.

coax somebody down/out/back etc

"Firefighters managed to coax the man down from the roof.

2. to make something such as a machine do something by dealing with it in a slow, patient, and careful way

coax something out of/from/into etc something

"He coaxed a fire out of some dry grass and twigs.

"The driver coaxed his bus through the snow.

—coaxing noun [uncountable]:

"She needs a bit of gentle coaxing.

—coaxingly adverb

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- **persuade** to make someone decide to do something, especially by giving them reasons why they should do it, or asking them many times to do it: I persuaded her to change her mind. | Do you think you can persuade him to lend us the money?
- **talk somebody into (doing) something** to persuade someone to do something, especially something they do not really want to do: Why did I let you talk me into this? | He finally talked her into going on a date with him.
- **get somebody to do something** to make someone do something by persuading or asking them: If we can't get a taxi I'll get Joe to pick us up. | I know how to get you to kiss me.
- **convince** to persuade someone that they should do something, because it is the best or the right thing to do. Some British speakers think this use is incorrect, and prefer to use **persuade**: It would be difficult to convince him to move.
- **encourage** to try to persuade someone to do something, especially because you think it will be good for them: Children should be encouraged to read all kinds of books.
- **influence** to have an effect on what someone decides to do: What influences you to buy clothes?
- **coax** to persuade someone to do something by talking gently and kindly: I tried to coax him to eat a little.
- **cajole** /kə'dʒəʊl \$ -'dʒoʊl/ to persuade someone to do something by praising them or making promises to them: He hoped to cajole her into selling her house.
- **put somebody up to something** to persuade or encourage someone to do something wrong or stupid: Who put you up to this?
- **dissuade** *formal* to persuade someone not to do something: How do you dissuade young people from experimenting with drugs?

coax something out of/from somebody *phrasal verb*

to persuade someone to tell you something or give you something:

I managed to coax some money out of Dad.

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