

**axe**

I

1. [æks] *n*
- 1) топор; колун
  - 2) ледоруб
  - 3) *уст.* секира; боевой топор
2. *уст.*
- 1) топор палача
  - 2) отсечение головы, казнь
3. (the axe) *разг.*
- 1) сокращение (*бюджета, штатов*)  
 to get the axe - а) оказаться уволенным; б) подвергнуться урезке, сокращению  
 to give the axe - а) уволить; б) сокращать, урезывать  
 we were going to build a new school but it got the axe from the government - мы собирались построить новую школу, но правительство не дало на неё денег
  - 2) исключение из школы
  - 3) отставка (*полученная от невесты и т. п.*); разрыв отношений  
 he is bitter because his girl has given him the axe - он расстроен потому, что его девушка дала ему отставку  
 ◇ to lay the axe to the root of smth., to set the axe to smth. - приступить к уничтожению чего-л., разрушать что-л.  
 to hang up one's axe - отойти от дел  
 to have an axe to grind - преследовать своекорыстные цели  
 to fit /to put/ the axe in /on/ the helve - а) преодолеть трудность, решить задачу; б) разрешить сомнение  
 to send the axe after the helve - рисковать последним, упорствовать в безнадежном деле  
 to get it where the chicken got the axe - *сл. см.* chicken ◇

2. [æks] *v*
1. работать топором
  2. *сл.* урезывать, сокращать (*бюджет, ассигнования, штаты и т. п.*)
  3. *разг.*
- 1) исключать; вычёркивать, зачёркивать; вырезать  
 to axe an episode from the series - исключить одну серию из многосерийного фильма
  - 2) исключать (*кого-л.*); выгонять; увольнять  
 he was axed from the football team - его выгнали из футбольной команды
  - 3) *разг.* запретить «зарубить»  
 a TV program was axed - телевизионная программа не была выпущена в эфир /была «зарезана»/
  - 4) *разг.* задерживать прохождение (*законопроекта и т. п.*); снимать с обсуждения (*вопрос*)

II

[æks] *n сл.*  
 музыкальный инструмент, *особ.* саксофон

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**axe** [axe axes axed axing] *noun, verb* *BrE* [æks] <sup>4</sup> *NAmE* [æks] <sup>4</sup>  
*noun* (especially BrE) (US usually ax)



1. a tool with a wooden handle and a heavy metal blade, used for chopping wood, cutting down trees, etc.  
 see also ↑battleaxe, ↑ice axe, ↑pickaxe
2. **the axe** *singular (informal)* (often used in newspapers) if sb gets the axe, they lose their job; if an institution or a project gets the axe, it is closed or stopped, usually because of a lack of money
  - Up to 300 workers are **facing the axe** at a struggling Merseyside firm.
  - Patients are delighted their local hospital has been saved from the axe.
  - Protesters, anxious over the spending cuts, urged councillors to think again before wielding the axe.

Word Origin:  
 Old English æx, of Germanic origin; related to Dutch **aaks** and German **Axt**.

- Example Bank:
- His prime-time TV show is likely to get the axe.
  - The executioner's axe fell.
  - We were expecting bad news but had no idea where the axe would fall.
  - Wielding the axe on the prison plan would be one way of saving money.
  - With a few swift blows of the axe, she severed the cable.
  - to chop a tree down with an axe

Idiom: ↑have an axe to grind

verb (BrE) (US ax) often passive

1. ~ **sth** (informal) (often used in newspapers) to get rid of a service, system, etc. or to reduce the money spent on it by a large amount
  - Other less profitable services are to be axed later this year.
2. ~ **sb** (informal) (often used in newspapers) to remove sb from their job
  - Jones has been axed from the team.
3. ~ **sb** to kill sb with an ↑axe

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	axe
	BrE /æks/
	NAmE /æks/
he / she / it	axes
	BrE /æksɪz/
	NAmE /æksɪz/
past simple, past participle	axed
	BrE /æksɪd/
	NAmE /æksɪd/
-ing form	axing
	BrE /æksɪŋ/
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Example Bank:

- 2 500 employees were axed as part of a rationalization program.
- 300 jobs are to be axed at a local chemical works.
- The firm has already cut staff by 7 000 and is set to axe a further 4 000 jobs this year.
- The series was axed after only six episodes.

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I. **axe**<sup>1</sup> BrE<sup>1</sup> AmE<sup>1</sup> (also **ax** American English) /æks/ noun [countable]



1. a tool with a heavy metal blade on the end of a long handle, used to cut down trees or split pieces of wood ⇒ ↑pickaxe
2. **the axe** informal if someone gets the axe, they are dismissed from their job:
  - 100 workers are facing the axe in a cost-cutting exercise.
3. **the axe** informal if a plan, system, or service gets the axe, someone gets rid of it:
  - MPs know there will be cuts in public spending but do not know on which department the axe will fall.
4. **have an axe to grind** to have a strong personal opinion about something which is the reason why you do something:
  - I need objective advice from someone with no axe to grind.

II. **axe**<sup>2</sup> BrE<sup>2</sup> AmE<sup>2</sup> (also **ax** American English) verb [transitive]

1. to suddenly dismiss someone from their job:
  - There are plans to axe 2,600 staff.
2. to get rid of a plan, system, or service, especially in order to save money:
  - TV's longest running show is to be axed.

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Freakuency Pack

12500 **4793**<sup>MCW</sup>

15000 **4432**<sup>COCA</sup>

RANGE: **4k** AXE 4144

axe 1420

axed 162

axes 1082

axing 35

ax 1445

COCA 500k Unlemmatized

598 **18039**<sup>1284</sup> *nn1*  
82 **67088**<sup>127</sup> *vv0*  
9 **275816**<sup>9</sup> *vvi*

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