

climax

I

1. ['klaɪmæks] *n*

- 1. высшая точка; кульминационный пункт
the climax of a dramatic action - кульминационный пункт драматического действия
to arrive at the climax - достигнуть высшей точки
at the climax of the struggle - в разгаре борьбы

- 2. *ритор.* нарастание
- 3. *физиол.* климакс (у мужчин и женщин); менопауза, прекращение менструаций
- 4. оргазм
◇ to cap the climax - переходить все границы; побить рекорд (чего-л.)

2. ['klaɪmæks] *v*

- 1. дойти или довести до кульминационного пункта
- 2. испытать оргазм

II

['klaɪmæks] *n биол.*

климакс, сообщество организмов, находящееся в равновесии с окружающей средой (*мж.* climax community)

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cli-max [climax climaxes climaxed climaxing] *noun, verb* BrE ['klaɪmæks]

NAme ['klaɪmæks]

noun

- 1. the most exciting or important event or point in time
 - to **come to/reach a climax**
 - the climax of his political career
 - The team's 3–1 victory in the final provided a fitting climax to a great season.
- 2. the most exciting part of a play, piece of music, etc. that usually happens near the end
 - The book's powerful climax is the murder of Nancy by her lover Bill Sikes.
- 3. the highest point of sexual pleasure

Syn: ↑orgasm

compare ↑anticlimax

Word Origin:

mid 16th cent. (in rhetoric): from late Latin, from Greek klimax 'ladder, climax'. The sense 'culmination' arose in the late 18th cent.

Example Bank:

- In a dramatic climax, our team lost by one goal.
- She found it hard to achieve a/reach climax.
- The affair was brought to a climax when the chairman resigned.
- The climax came at the end of the second act of the play.
- The crisis reached its climax in the 1970s.
- The hero dies at the climax of the opera.
- The story gradually builds to a powerful climax.
- Yesterday marked the climax of the celebrations.
- Signing the peace agreement was the climax of his political career.
- The story builds up to a powerful climax with the murder of Nancy by her lover Bill Sikes.
- The team's 3–1 victory in the final provided a fitting climax to a great season.

verb

- 1. **intransitive, transitive** to come to or form the best, most exciting, or most important point in sth
 - ~ **with/in sth** The festival will climax on Sunday with a gala concert.
 - ~ **sth** (especially NAmE) The sensational verdict climaxed a six-month trial.
- 2. **intransitive** to have an ↑orgasm

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	climax
	BrE / 'klaɪmæks/
	NAmE / 'klaɪmæks/
he / she / it	climaxes
	BrE / 'klaɪmæksɪz/
	NAmE / 'klaɪmæksɪz/
past simple, past participle	climaxed
	BrE / 'klaɪmæksɪd/
	NAmE / 'klaɪmæksɪd/
-ing form	climaxing
	BrE / 'klaɪmæksɪŋ/
	NAmE / 'klaɪmæksɪŋ/

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I. cli max ¹ /'klaɪmæks/ BrE " AmE " noun [countable usually singular]

[Date: 1500-1600; Language: Latin; Origin: Greek klimax 'ladder', from klinein 'to lean']

1. the most exciting or important part of a story or experience, which usually comes near the end => climactic

climax of

" the climax of his naval career

climax to

" a thrilling climax to the game

" The festival reaches its climax with the traditional boat-burning ceremony.

2. an ↑orgasm

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- reach a climax The film reaches its climax in the final scene.
- come to a climax Things came to a climax with a large protest march on June 30th.
- build up to a climax The music was getting louder and building up to a climax.
- near/approach a climax One of the most important trials in recent history is nearing its climax today.
- move towards a climax Political tensions were moving towards a climax.
- bring something to a climax He scored again, bringing the game to a climax.
- mark the climax of something (=show that something has reached its best point) This painting marked the climax of his career.
- a climax comes The climax came when the President ordered an air strike on the capital.

■ adjectives

- a thrilling/dramatic/exciting climax In this scene, the play reaches its dramatic climax.
- a fitting climax (=a very suitable one) The concert was a very successful occasion and a fitting climax to the school year.
- a grand climax Everyone was hoping that the peace talks would come to a grand climax.
- a sensational/spectacular climax The match was a sensational climax to the season.

II. climax ² BrE " AmE " verb

1. [intransitive and transitive] if a situation, process, or story climaxes, it reaches its most important or exciting part

climax in/with

" a series of special events climaxing with a spectacular fireworks show

2. [intransitive] to have an ↑orgasm

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