

Subject for Study:

30 year old male

Caucasian

Born and raised in Provo, UT

Native English speaker

Has completed some college

PHONEMIC VARIABLE:

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| [sk] | |
| [ksk] | [sk] |
| After the mid, lax, front vowel [ɛ] which occurs at the beginning of words. | Elsewhere |

For example: [ɛskeɪp] became [ɛkskeɪp]

Utterances used for [sk] variable:

- I once had a dog named Houdini. We named him Houdini because he was a **skilled escape** artist.
- Sadly, what I thought was an allergic reaction on my **skin** soon **escalated** to **exema**.
- As soon as I stepped out of the taxi, a **scantily**-clad **escort** approached me.
- I chased the **pesky** fly with the flyswatter but it got away out the window.
- **Oscar** was a **husky boxcar** adventurer.
- Ants are an **example** of insects that have **exoskeletons**.
- I **asked** the cute girl in class out to the **Cineplex**.
- It is traditional for women to wear a **skirt** to a job interview.
- Once, my friends and I had a night of drinking which **escalated** into midnight cookie-sheet sledding.
- My company auctions off custom gift **baskets** for charity.
- The Egyptians erected **obelisks** to honor their pharaohs.
- Las Vegas, Cancun and New Orleans are known for their nighttime **escapades**.
- I took my case to Sir Sherlock Holmes, **esquire**.
- When I was little I wanted boots like the **Eskimos**.
- In the summer I put an **oscillating** fan in my living room to circulate air.
- I personally **ascribe** to the belief that it is better to beg for forgiveness than to ask for permission.
- **Ascension** Day is a holiday celebrated by Catholics on the fortieth day after Easter.
- The **ascetics** of India are spiritual men called Sadhus.
- The paintings hanging on the wall were **askew** after the train went by.

Utterances used for the [ks] variable:

- My girlfriend and I considered staying at The **Excalibur** Casino for our vacation in Las Vegas.
- When I was little, I would make sure our **backpacks** were packed the night before school.
- The first time my brother shaved, he walked out of the bathroom with little pieces of toilet paper all over the **nicks** on his face.
- Regular **airchecks** on your tires can improve your gas mileage and extend the life of your tire.
- A person **inexperienced** with yoga can hurt themselves if they're not careful.
- My girlfriend is **ambidextrous**.
- Scientists are currently **exploring** outer space for signs of another Earth.
- I took the **Amtrak's** SuperSpeeder train to my cousin's house in Paris.
- During the school semester, the **backseat** of my car becomes a makeshift locker.
- My evening chore was to trim the **wicks** of the freshly dipped candles.
- I am **excited** to be taking my **Excel** class next semester.
- When my dad would come back from hiking in the backwoods my mom would have to check him for **ticks**.

Examples of the occurrence of the variable:

- [ɛskeɪp] became [ɛkskeɪp]
- [ɛskweɪr] became [ɛkskweɪr]
- [ɛskaleɪtɪd] became [ɛkskaleɪtɪd]
- [ɛskɪmoʊz] became [ɛkskɪmoʊz]
- [ɛskɔrt] became [ɛkskɔrt]
- [ɛskapeɪdz] became [ɛkskapeɪdz]