

# Confusable words

## 'expect' and 'except'

### expect (verb)

Definition: to look forward to something that is likely to happen

Use syllables and phonemes to decode and encode:

e x | p e c t  
/e/ /ks/ /p/ /e/ /k/ /t/

Use morphemes to comprehend:

**ex**

ex = 'out'  
(from Latin)

**pect**

spect = 'to look'  
(from Latin)

**ex + pect = to look out for**

I **expect** it will rain today.

### except (preposition)

Definition: not including

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e x | c e p t  
/e/ /ks/ /s/ /e/ /p/ /t/

Use morphemes to comprehend:

**ex**

ex = 'out'  
(from Latin)

**cept**

cept = 'take, receive'  
(from Latin)

**ex + cept = take out**

I like all vegetables **except** broccoli.

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