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n.

1. An internal tax imposed on the production, sale, or consumption of a commodity or the use of a service within a country: *excises on tobacco, liquor, and long-distance telephone calls.*
2. A licensing charge or a fee levied for certain privileges.

tr.v. **ex·cised**, **ex·cis·ing**, **ex·cis·es**

To levy an excise on.

[Middle Dutch *excij*s, alteration (influenced by Latin *excīsus*, past participle of *excīdere*, to cut out) of *accij*s, tax, probably from Old French *acceis*, partly from Vulgar Latin **accēsum* (Latin *ad-*, *ad-* + Latin *cēsus*, tax; see [CENSUS](#)) and partly from Old French *assise*, legislative ordinance; see [ASSIZE](#).]

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To remove by or as if by cutting: *excised the tumor; excised two scenes from the film.*

[Latin *excīdere*, *excīd-* : *ex-*, *ex-* + *caedere*, to cut; see **kaa-id-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

ex·ci sion (-sīzh ən) *n.*

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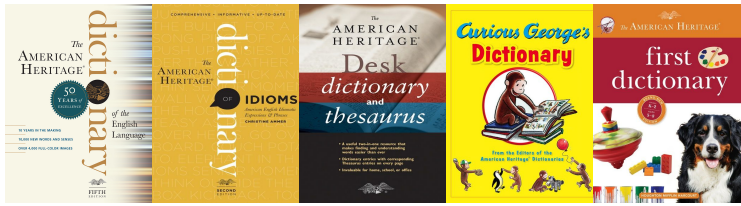
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