

X – Crashing Sound

“The next letter actually makes two sounds together, ‘ks.’ If you listen carefully you can hear both ‘k’ and ‘s.’ Listen. ‘X.’ (Show the picture.) Here is the letter that makes those two sounds together! He has two legs and two arms. His hands are reaching up and grabbing two letter sounds. First he grabs the ‘k,’ and then his other hand grabs the ‘s.’ He crashes them together – ‘ks.’ (Cross arms overhead.) It almost sounds like the two sounds *kiss*, ‘Kssss’ (Cross two index fingers overhead.) or *crash*, ‘Kssss.’ See if you can make an *X* out of your pointer fingers or your two arms (Form an *X* with arms.) while you make the sound. This sound is usually found at the end of words, such as ‘box’ and ‘fox.’” (When using *X* in reading/spelling activities, place it in the final position.)

Hand cue: Hold up your two index fingers and crash them together in a criss-cross fashion (or you can do the same with your two arms).