

Dictionary (<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/ing>)
Thesaurus (<http://www.thesaurus.com/browse/ing>)
Translator (<http://translate.reference.com/translate?query=ing>)

ing

(<http://dictionary.reference.com/wordoftheday/list/>)

-ing¹

Examples Word Origin

1. a suffix of nouns formed from verbs, expressing the action of the verb or its result, product, material, etc. (*the art of building; a new building; cotton wadding*). It is also used to form nouns from words other than verbs (*offing; shirting*). Verbal nouns ending in *-ing* are often used attributively (*the printing trade*) and in forming compounds (*drinking song*). In some compounds (*sewing machine*), the first element might reasonably be regarded as the participial adjective, **-ing**², the compound thus meaning "a machine that sews," but it is commonly taken as a verbal noun, the compound being explained as "a machine for sewing."

Compare -ing (<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/-ing>)².

Origin

Boost your
with our W

ish

ionary.reference.com/browse/Middle%20English) Old English
 (http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/Old%20English)

Middle English; Old English *-ing*, *-ung*

-ing²

1. a suffix forming the present participle of verbs (*walking*; *thinking*), such participles being often used as participial adjectives: *warring factions*.

Compare *-ing* (<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/-ing>)¹ .

Origin

Middle English *-ing*, *-inge*; the variant *-in* (usually represented in spelling as *-in'*) continues Middle English *-inde*, *-ende*, Old English *-ende*

Pronunciation note

The common suffix *-ing*² can be pronounced in modern English as either (<http://static.dic>) or (<http://static.dic>) with either the alveolar nasal consonant (<http://static.dic>) or the alveolar nasal consonant (<http://static.dic>) symbolized in IPA as [ɪŋ] or the alveolar nasal consonant (<http://static.dic>) symbolized in IPA as [ɪŋ̃]. The latter pronunciation therefore reflects the use of one nasal as against another and not, as is popularly supposed, "dropping the *g*," since no actual *g*-sound is involved.

Many speakers use both pronunciations, depending on the speed of utterance and the relative formality of the occasion, with (http://dictionary.reference.com/statistics/variant/10169/

-ing³

1. a native English suffix meaning "one belonging to," "of the kind of," "one descended from," and sometimes having a diminutive force, formerly used in the formation of nouns: *farthing; shilling; bunting; gelding; whiting*.

Compare -ling (<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/-ling>)¹ .

Origin

Middle English, Old English *-ing*, cognate with Old Norse *-ingr*, *-ungr*, Gothic *-ings*

Dictionary.com Unabridged

Based on the Random House Dictionary, © Random House, Inc. 2014.

Cite This Source (<http://dictionary.reference.com/cite.html?qh=ing&ia=luna>)

Examples from the web for -ing

Another popular *savings* method that *ing* direct offers is a certificate of deposit, or cd.

ing offers twenty mutual funds, each of which has a particular investment strategy.

British Dictionary definitions for -ing

-ing¹

suffix

1. (**from verbs**) the action of, process of, result of, or something connected with the verb:

coming, meeting, a wedding, winnings

2. (**from other nouns**) something used in, consisting of, involving, etc: *tubing, soldiering*
3. (*from other parts of speech*): *an outing*

Word Origin

Old English *-ing, -ung*

-ing²

suffix

1. forming the present participle of verbs: *walking, believing*
2. forming participial adjectives: *a growing boy, a sinking ship*
3. forming adjectives not derived from verbs: *swashbuckling*

Word Origin

Middle English *-ing, -inde*, from Old English *-ende*

-ing³

suffix

1. a person or thing having a certain quality or being of a certain kind: *sweeting, whiting*

Word Origin

Old English *-ing*; related to Old Norse *-ingr*

Collins English Dictionary - Complete & Unabridged 2012 Digital Edition
© William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1979, 1986 © HarperCollins
Publishers 1998, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2012
Cite This Source (<http://dictionary.reference.com/cite.html?qh=ing&ia=ced2>)

Word Origin and History for -ing

-ing

suffix attached to verbs to mean their action, result, product, material, etc., from Old English *-ing*, *-ung*, from Proto-Germanic **unga* (cf. Old Norse *-ing*, Dutch *-ing*, German *-ung*). Originally used to form nouns from verbs and to denote completed or habitual action. Its use has been greatly expanded in Middle and Modern English.

suffix used form the present participle of verbs, from Old English *-ende* (cf. German *-end*, Gothic *-and*, Sanskrit *-ant*, Greek *-on*, Latin *-ans*). It evolved into *-ing* in 13c.-14c.

Online Etymology Dictionary, © 2010 Douglas Harper
Cite This Source (<http://dictionary.reference.com/cite.html?qh=ing&ia=etymon2>)

Related Abbreviations for -ing

ing

inguinal

The American Heritage® Abbreviations Dictionary, Third Edition
Copyright © 2005 by Houghton Mifflin Company.
Published by Houghton Mifflin Company. All rights reserved.
Cite This Source (<http://dictionary.reference.com/cite.html?qh=ing&ia=aabb2>)

Feedback (<mailto:feedback@dictionary.com?subject=Feedback%20for%20Dictionary.com%20Mobile%20Web%20Site>)
Privacy (<http://dictionary.reference.com/privacy>) Terms of Use (<http://dictionary.reference.com/terms>)
Our Apps (<http://app.dictionary.com/appswall>)

Copyright 2014 Dictionary.com LLC

Explore Litigation Insights

Docket Alarm provides insights to develop a more informed litigation strategy and the peace of mind of knowing you're on top of things.

Real-Time Litigation Alerts



Keep your litigation team up-to-date with **real-time alerts** and advanced team management tools built for the enterprise, all while greatly reducing PACER spend.

Our comprehensive service means we can handle Federal, State, and Administrative courts across the country.

Advanced Docket Research



With over 230 million records, Docket Alarm's cloud-native docket research platform finds what other services can't. Coverage includes Federal, State, plus PTAB, TTAB, ITC and NLRB decisions, all in one place.

Identify arguments that have been successful in the past with full text, pinpoint searching. Link to case law cited within any court document via Fastcase.

Analytics At Your Fingertips



Learn what happened the last time a particular judge, opposing counsel or company faced cases similar to yours.

Advanced out-of-the-box PTAB and TTAB analytics are always at your fingertips.

API

Docket Alarm offers a powerful API (application programming interface) to developers that want to integrate case filings into their apps.

LAW FIRMS

Build custom dashboards for your attorneys and clients with live data direct from the court.

Automate many repetitive legal tasks like conflict checks, document management, and marketing.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Litigation and bankruptcy checks for companies and debtors.

E-DISCOVERY AND LEGAL VENDORS

Sync your system to PACER to automate legal marketing.