

/ŋ/ vs /ŋg/ Sound Comparison

Let's Learn!

Listen carefully as your teacher reads each word below.

singer **single** **finger**

Which word **does not** contain a /g/ sound?

/ŋ/

- <ng> is pronounced /ŋ/ without a following /g/ sound at the end of words.

Examples: taxing, working, wing, bang

- If we add an ending to a word ending /ŋ/ it will not change unless it is a comparative or superlative.

Examples: singer, wrongly, movingly

/ŋg/

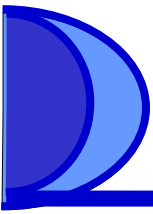
- Words that contain <ng> followed by more letters that have not been added as an ending will be pronounced /ŋg/.

Examples: hunger, England, Hungary, tango

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Adjectives ending <ng> made into comparatives or superlatives (-er/est) will be pronounced with /ŋg/.

Examples: stronger, longest



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Let's Try!

A. Directions: Study the words in the box and put them into the correct columns below according to the pronunciation of /ŋ/.

fixing	finger	thing	danger	Bangladesh	linger	sting
waiting	bring	strongest	mingle	clingy	mango	annoyingly
bingo		amazingly	lining	single		angle
/ŋ/				/ŋg/		

B. Directions: Circle the odd word out in each line:

1. bang banger bangle
2. hungry hunger hung
3. Congo bingo ringing
4. angle along angry
5. hanger finger anger
6. young younger youngest
7. triangle angler wrongly
8. stronger strong strongest
9. England English speaking
10. slang language linguistics