NG Sound Word List

Hump the back of the tongue up to the soft palate like /g/, then hum through the nose without releasing. The tongue never comes down.



SOUND	TYPICAL AGE	TYPE
/ng/	By age 3-4	Voiced Velar nasal

PRACTICE TIP

Watch for kids who say "ringing" as "rinning" - that is fronting. Cue the sound at the back: "make it in your throat, not on your teeth."

/ng/ never begins an English word, so this page has medial and final lists only.

Medial Position (64 words)

The sound is in the middle of the word.



These and 20 more pictured words are in the NG Sound picture cards.

2 Syllables

56 words

singer	tangled	clinging	mango	swinging
finger	single	dangle	mingle	tangle
hungry	springtime	dingo	ping pong	thinking
monkey	ringing	England	pinky	tingle
angry	donkey	English	plankton	twinkle
bringing	anchor	hanger	singing	uncle
jungle	younger	hanging	sinking	wrinkled
penguin	sprinkler	hunger	songbird	youngest
kingdom	ankle	jangle	sprinkle	
longer	anger	jingle	stinger	
banging	blanket	language	stingray	
wrinkle	clanging	longest	stronger	

3 Syllables

8 words

fingernail	jungle gym	kingfisher	single file
fingerprint	kangaroo	monkey bars	triangle

High-frequency medial words

Everyday words rather than picture-card words - which is why most lists leave them out. A child already says these hundreds of times a day, so they carry more carryover value than any noun above. Target them in conversation, not in drill.

thinking, hungry, singing, drinking, ringing, bringing

Final Position (74 words)

The sound is at the end of the word.


ring


sing


king


long


swing


wing


strong


string

These and 28 more pictured words are in the NG Sound picture cards.

1 Syllable

26 words

ring	strong	spring	cling	sung
sing	song	hang	ding	swung
king	bring	wrong	rung	
long	young	sting	sling	
swing	thing	tongue	sprang	
wing	string	bang	strung	

2 Syllables

45 words

morning	boiling	feeling	missing	shopping
ceiling	building	fishing	nothing	singing
pudding	camping	flying	painting	sleeping
drawing	clothing	going	playing	something
evening	coming	hiking	pulling	swimming
along	dancing	jumping	reading	talking
among	doing	lightning	running	wedding
being	drinking	living	sailing	willing
belong	eating	meeting	saving	writing

3 Syllables

3 words

anything	everything	sing along

High-frequency final words

Everyday words rather than picture-card words - which is why most lists leave them out. A child already says these hundreds of times a day, so they carry more carryover value than any noun above. Target them in conversation, not in drill.

something, thing, anything, nothing, everything, long, coming, being, wrong, talking, looking, trying, saying, having, thinking, young, working, taking, making, waiting, playing, telling, leaving, asking, laughing, evening, calling, seeing, speaking, giving

Generalization

Word lists get a sound into a child's mouth. Generalization is what gets it into their life. These are activities where the target words come up on their own, so nobody has to be talked into practicing.

Play-based ideas for young children

Ring and sing

Sing songs with actions and ring a bell between verses. Any -ing word is a target, so narrate everything in the present progressive.

Words that come up: ring, sing, song, swing, bang, hang, running, jumping, singing, playing, going, long, king, thing

Swing and slide

At a playground or with toys. Narrate constantly: "You are swinging! He is climbing!"

Words that come up: swing, swinging, sliding, climbing, running, jumping, going, playing, hanging, long, strong, wing, thing, bring

Banging instruments

Drums, pots, a toy xylophone. Bang, ring, ding - the sound effects are targets on their own.

Words that come up: bang, banging, ring, ding, gong, song, sing, singing, long, strong, playing, loud, again, thing

Conversation and verbal games for older kids

What are you doing?

Describe an activity entirely in -ing verbs. Every verb is a target.

Strongest and longest

Compare things using superlatives. "Long," "strong," "young" and "among" all carry the sound.

Something, anything, nothing

Answer questions using only those three words plus detail. All three end in /ng/.