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/ŋ/ = the last sound in sing

Singing	Cheering	Praying	Drinking
Bringing	Lacerating	Upbringing	Sinking
Resounding	Hurrying	Phoning	Tanking
Retaliating	Destroying	Winging	Stinking
Following	Asking	Mangling	Linking
Glowering	Succeeding	Clinging	Ploughing
Purchasing	Gesturing	Cringing	Strolling
Returning	Questioning	Rounding	Crying
Emailing	Stinging	Sounding	Mixing
Selling	Hanging	Grounding	Acting
Buying	Dangling	Blending	Projecting
Firing	Finagling	Glistening	Protecting
hiring	jingling	Listening	hectoring

/ŋ/ is a sound that does not occur at the beginning of words in English it is difficult for speakers to say on its own. It is a NASAL sound like /m/ and /n/. It is made in the same place as /k/ and /g/ and sometimes people substitute /k/ and /g/ for /ŋ/.

1. I asked the Wilsons who they are bringing to the party
2. I was thinking that the ring would look good with the things I was going to wear to the singing festival
3. He was drinking a gin fizz and clinging to his girlfriend's hand
4. The worst thing about the job is having to be the person who is hiring and firing people, but I can't ask anyone else to do it
5. The purchasing officer was succeeding in his effort to be the acting manager
6. The attacking forces were moving over the ground, chasing the retreating army
7. The trick of blending colours is to bring the shades together slowly and carefully
8. Returning to the scene of the crime, she was gesturing to her conspirators
9. "Is there a difference between listening and hearing" he asked

Deepen your learning:

- Refer to the "ing" Drill handout that supplements this page
- Practice these words to make sure you aren't adding a /g/ or/k/ sound:
- Singing, ringing, bringing, longing, clinging, belonging, clanging

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