

## **ING**

The "ING" form, or the Present Participle, is the fifth part of the verb:

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To have to have/has to had to had to having to

It has three meanings, these depend on its position in the sentence:

- a) I like **sleeping**
- b) A **sleeping** dog
- c) She is **sleeping**
- In a) the structure with like needs to be followed by a noun, I like you, He likes London, so here the "ING" form is a noun, a verbal noun.
- In b) the "ING" form is before a noun, in the position of an adjective, so it is a verbal adjective.
- In c) the "ING" form is preceded by a subject and the verb to BE, in the present tense, so here it is a progressive form, the present progressive.

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