

# be-ing<sup>1</sup>

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verb [linking verb]

1 the present participle of BE

2 EXPLAIN Used to give the reason for something:

*Being a quiet sort of person, I didn't want to get involved.*

*You can't expect them to sit still for that long, children being what they are.*

3 being as (BrE) (spoken)

because

**SYN** as

*You might as well drink it, being as you've paid for it.*

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# being<sup>2</sup>

S2 W3

noun

1 **come into being/be brought into being** START TO HAPPEN, EXIST ETC  
to start to exist:

*a law that first came into being in 1912*

2 [countable] a living thing, especially a person:

*a human being*

**intelligent/conscious/rational etc being**

*a story about alien beings who invade Earth*

3 [uncountable] (literary) CHARACTER OF SOMETHING the most important quality or nature of something, especially of a person:

**the core/roots/whole of somebody's being**

*The whole of her being had been taken over by a desire to return to her homeland.*

