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transitive verb \ ɛnˈjɛst  
**in·gest** \

*inflected form(s):* -ed/-ing/-s

1: to take in for digestion (as into the stomach)

2: to take in : SWALLOW (/unabridged/swallow), ABSORB

(/unabridged/absorb) <for a country of forty-seven million, ingesting twelve million visitors ... is a big swallow — Robert Shaplen><trying to ingest the ideas of philosophers>

### Origin of INGEST

Latin *ingestus*, past participle of *ingerere* to carry in, press upon, from *in-*<sup>2</sup>*in-* (/unabridged/in-[2]) + *gerere* to bear, wage, cherish — more at cast (/unabridged/cast)

First Known Use: 1620 (sense 1)

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