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## ingest definition

**in·gest** (in jĕst')

*transitive verb*

to take (food, drugs, etc.) into the body, as by swallowing, inhaling, or absorbing

Origin: < L *ingestus*, pp. of *ingerere*, to carry, put into < *in-*, into + *gerere*, to carry

### Related Forms:

- **ingestion** in-ges'tion *noun*
- **ingestive** in-ges'tive *adjective*

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*transitive verb* in-gest·ed, in-gest·ing, in-gests

1. To take into the body by the mouth for digestion or absorption. See Synonyms at [eat](#).
2. To take in and absorb as food: "*Marine ciliates ... can be observed ... ingesting other single-celled creatures and harvesting their chloroplasts*" (Carol Kaesuk Yoon).

Origin: Latin *ingerere*, *ingest-* : *in-*, *in*; see [in-](#)<sup>2</sup> + *gerere*, to carry.

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