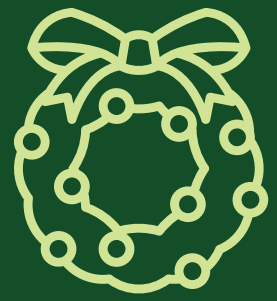

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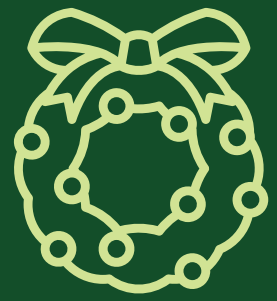


wreath

"round twisted or coiled shape"

Have you noticed that the base **wreath** begins with the digraph **‹wr›**?

Hundreds of years ago, people pronounced both the **w** and the **r**. The pronunciation changed, but the spelling stayed the same!

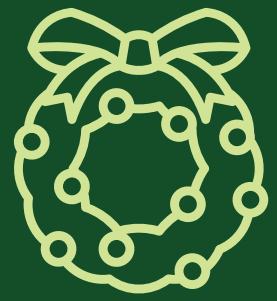


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Interestingly, **<wr>** appears in several words linked to "**twisting, turning or bending**", such as **wreath**, **wring** and **wrist**.

These words may have connections to an ancient language, from which many modern languages, including English, French and Hindi developed. Nobody wrote it down, but linguists have discovered clues about it by studying other languages!

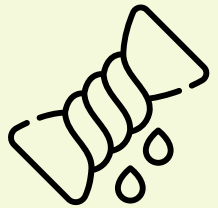


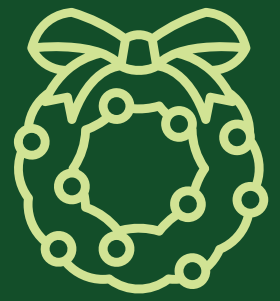
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Can you think of any other words beginning with digraph **<wr>**?

Do they have a connection to "**twisting, turning or bending**".





wreath

"round twisted or coiled shape"

Do we need to apply any suffixing rules when we build words using base **wreath**?



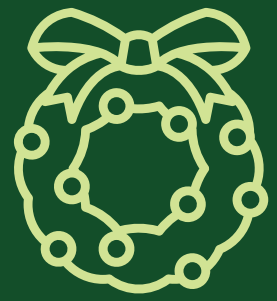
wreath + **s** = _____

"round twisted or coiled shape"

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"round twisted or coiled shape"

How did you do?



wreath + **s** = wreaths

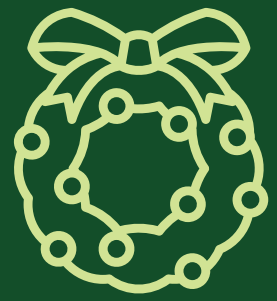
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They wore **wreaths** of daisies around their heads.

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wreathe

"twist into a round or coiled shape"

Base **wreath** often functions as a noun in sentences, but it has an alternate base relative: base **wreathe**.

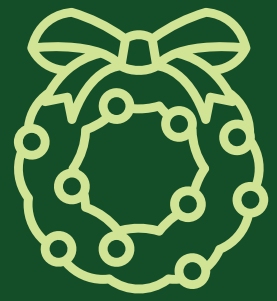


wreathe

"twist into a round or coiled shape"

This base carries a similar meaning, but it often functions as a verb in sentences.

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wreathe

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The final silent **e** tells us that the **/th/** phoneme is voiced.

Touch your finger gently to your throat to feel a vibration when you say **wreathe** rather than **wreath**.

We see this in other pairs of words, such as **breath** and **breathe**, or **bath** and **bathe**.



wreathe

"twist into a round or coiled shape"

Can you complete these word sums?
Will you need to apply a suffixing rule?

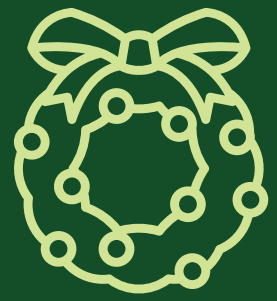


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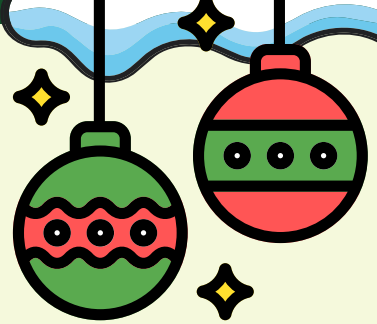
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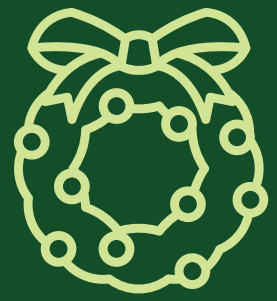
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The gardener **wreathes** the wooden archway with colourful flowers.

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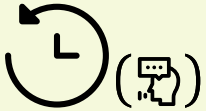
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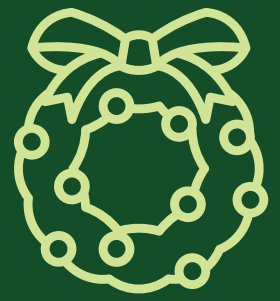
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"past simple tense or past tense verbs"





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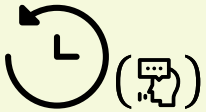


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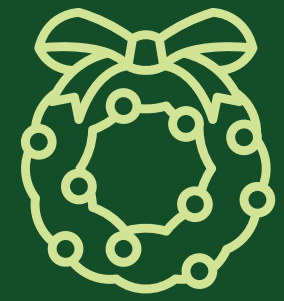
wreathe +  **ed** = **wreathed**

"twist into a round or coiled shape"

"past simple tense or past tense verbs"

Smoke **wreathed** the chimney as the fire burned below.

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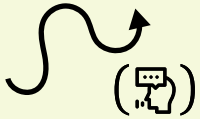
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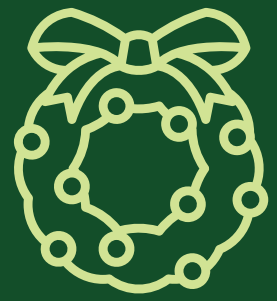


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"continuing, or present simple tense"

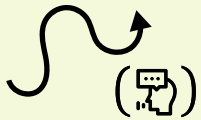


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How did you do?



wreathe ⊕  **ing** = **wreathing**

"twist into a round or coiled shape"

"continuing, or present simple tense"

Thick mist was **wreathing** the mountains as the Sun began to rise.

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