including, prep.

**Pronunciation:** Brit. /ɪn'klʌdɪŋ/, /ɪn'klʌdɪŋ/
U.S. /ɪn'kludɪŋ/, /ɪn'kludɪŋ/

**Frequency (in current use):**

**Origin:** Formed within English, by derivation. **Etymons:** English *including*, INCLUDE v.

**Etymology:** < *including*, present participle of INCLUDE v.

The prepositional use arose when the participle was no longer limited to the function of complement to a preceding noun phrase.

Used to indicate that the specified person or thing is part of the whole group or category being considered: with the inclusion of.


1712 R. STEELE *Spectator* No. 294. ¶1 Sixteen hundred Children, including Males and Females, put out to Methods of Industry.

1763 T. SMOLLETT *Let.* 5 Nov. in *Trav. France & Italy* (1979) 75 We found plenty of..poultry and game, including the red partridge.

1838 S. V. BONE *Precedents in Conveyancing* II. 77 Full payment of the said annuity up to and including the day of re-purchase.

1853 J. RUSKIN *Stones of Venice* II. vi. 185 A large body of English landscapists come into this class, including most clever sketchers from nature.

1861 *Times* 18 Feb. 8/4 Including the new vessel to be built at Chatham, our four ironsides will become seven.

1938 *Oxf. Compan. Music* 4/1 The period up to and including the sixteenth century when church music was written for unaccompanied voices.

1970 *New Yorker* 26 Sept. 28/3 About a thousand enthusiastic cyclists, including us, turned out in the Bike to Work Ride.

2013 *Internat. Herald Tribune* (Nexis) 9 Oct. (Finance section) 16 Including fees, the price came to 238.68 million dollars.

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