

**passing**

1. [ˈpɑːsɪŋ] *n*
- 1) прохождение  
the passing of the old year - канун Нового года
  - 2) протекание  
with the passing of the years - с годами  
the passing of time - течение времени
  2. *книжн.*
  - 1) прекращение, исчезновение, уход  
I do not like to see the passing of these old customs - мне неприятно видеть, как эти старые обычаи уходят в прошлое
  - 2) кончина, смерть  
his passing grieved us all - его кончина явилась горем для всех нас
  3. брод, переправа
  4. *ж.-д.*
  - 1) запасный путь
  - 2) следование поездов; сквозной проход  
passing of trains - обгон поездов
  5. *текст.*
  - 1) декоративная шёлковая нить
  - 2) прогон ткани
  6. *спорт.*
  - 1) обгон  
passing the baton - передача эстафетной палочки
  - 2) пасование  
◇ in passing - а) мимоходом, между прочим; he mentioned in passing that you were thinking of going to Spain next year - он вскользь упомянул, что вы планируете поехать в следующем году в Испанию; б) *шахм.* на проходе
2. [ˈpɑːsɪŋ] *a*
1. проходящий мимо; обгоняющий  
he watched the passing crowd - он наблюдал за движущейся мимо него толпой
  2. проходящий, мимолётный, мгновенный  
passing fancy - мимолётное увлечение  
she did not give the matter even a passing thought - она совсем не занималась этим, она не придавала этому значения
  3. беглый, случайный  
passing reference - случайное упоминание  
passing greeting - приветствие на ходу  
passing remark - беглое замечание  
passing glance - беглый взгляд  
he took a passing look at the political news, then turned to the sports page - он пробежал глазами новости политической жизни и затем открыл спортивную страницу  
◇ passing belief - выше (человеческого) понимания; невероятный ≅ трудно поверить
3. [ˈpɑːsɪŋ] *adv уст.*  
очень, чрезвычайно  
passing rich - чрезвычайно богатый  
passing mean [strange] - крайне подло [странно]

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**pass·ing** [ˈpɑːsɪŋ] *noun, adjective* *BrE* [ˈpɑːsɪŋ] *NAme* [ˈpæɪŋ]*noun uncountable*

1. **the ~ of time/the years** the process of time going by
2. (formal) the fact of sth ending or of sb dying
  - When the government is finally brought down, no one will mourn its passing.
  - the passing of the old year (= on New Year's Eve)
  - Many will mourn her passing (= her death, when you do not want to say this directly) .
3. **the ~ of sth** the act of making sth become a law
  - the passing of a resolution/law

Example Bank:

- Few will mourn his passing.
- Her death marks the passing of an era.
- The colour of the wood darkens with the passing of time.

Idiom: ↑ in passing*adjective only before noun*

1. lasting only for a short period of time and then disappearing

**Syn:** ↑ brief

- a **passing phase/thought/interest**
- He makes only a **passing reference** to the theory in his book (= it is not the main subject of his book) .
- She **bears** more than a **passing resemblance to** (= looks very like) your sister.

2. going past

- I love him more with each passing day.
- the noise of passing cars
- I was forced to ask passing strangers for money.

3. ~ grade/mark (NAme) a grade/mark that achieves the required standard in an exam, a test, etc.

Example Bank:

- My son is very jealous at the moment, but I think it's just a passing phase.
- This was the album that confirmed once and for all that rap music was no passing fad.

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I. **passing**<sup>1</sup> /'pɑsɪŋ/ 'pæ-/ BrE " AmE " noun [uncountable]

[Word Family: noun: ↑pass, ↑overpass ≠ ↑underpass, ↑passage, ↑passing; adjective: ↑passing, ↑passable ≠ ↑impassable; verb: ↑pass]

1. **the passing of time/the years** the process of time going by:

- Most of the old traditions have died out with the passing of time.
- The passing of the years had done nothing to improve his temper.

2. **mention/note something in passing** if you say something in passing, you mention it while you are mainly talking about something else:

- He did mention his brother's wife, but only in passing.

3. the passing of something is the fact that it has ended:

- The old regime was defeated, and few people mourned its passing.

4. the passing of a person is their death – use this when you want to avoid using the word 'death':

- Nothing could fill the gap in her life left by his passing.

II. **passing**<sup>2</sup> BrE " AmE " adjective [only before noun]

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1. going past a place or person:

- Michael watched the passing cars.
- A passing motorist stopped to help.

2. **passing days/weeks/years etc literary** the days, weeks, years etc that pass:

- Her grief became less intense with the passing years.
- With each passing day she grew stronger.

3. a passing thought or feeling is short and not very serious:

- He had only ever shown a passing interest in sport.

4. a passing remark is one that you make while you are talking about something else:

- He made only a passing reference to her achievements.

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