

Aging vs. Ageing

For the past participle and gerund corresponding to the verb age, American and Canadian writers use **aging**. **Ageing** is the preferred spelling outside North America.

The dropping of the **e** in American and Canadian English does not extend to ageism (meaning discrimination based on age), which is the preferred spelling everywhere.

Examples

These major publications use the preferred American and Canadian spelling of aging:

We need promotional campaigns to make **aging** seem more appealing to young people. [Los Angeles Times]

Moncton officials say the city's underground maze of **aging** water pipes were a factor in this week's water main break that forced a boil order on roughly 30,000 residents. [CBC]

Like any **aging** starlet, Hollywood's annual festival of self-congratulatory excess keeps getting nipped and tucked in an attempt to remain relevant. [USA Today]

And these British and Australian publications prefer ageing:

A doctor who gave her sister a massive dose of an experimental anti-**ageing** drug which triggered a fatal allergic reaction has been struck off. [Daily Mail]

The **ageing** of the population will increasingly shift the balance of power towards all employees. [Sydney Morning Herald]

The **ageing** American space shuttle Discovery has arrived back on earth after its last mission to the international space station. [BBC News]