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**verb (used with object), en-sured, en-sur-ing.**

1. to secure or guarantee: *This letter will ensure you a hearing.*
2. to make sure or certain: *measures to ensure the success of an undertaking.*
3. to make secure or safe, as from harm.
4. [insure](#) ( defs 1-3 ).

**Origin:**  
 1350-1400; Middle English *ensuren* < Anglo-French *enseurer*. See [en-](#), [sure](#)

**Related forms**  
**en-sur-er, noun**  
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**3.** protect, guard, safeguard.

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- **vb**
- 1. ( *may take a clause as object* ) to make certain or sure; guarantee: *this victory will ensure his happiness*
- 2. to make safe or secure; protect

**insure or insure**

— **vb**

**en'surer or insure**

— **n**

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**ensure**  
 late 14c., from Anglo-Fr. *enseurer*, from en- "make" + O.Fr. *seur* "sure," probably infl. by O.Fr. *asseurer* "assure." Related: *Ensured*; *ensures*; *ensuring*.

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