

Present Continuous Spelling Rules

No Change

Most verbs ending in "y" add ING

buy + ing = buying
enjoy + ing = enjoying
play + ing = playing
say + ing = saying
try + ing = trying
talk + ing = talking
sing + ing = singing

Most verbs add "ing"

- eat - eating
- speak - speaking
- cook - cooking
- start - starting
- do - doing
- stay - staying
- fix - fixing

Change

Verbs ending in "e" drop the final "e"

- hope - hoping
- ride - riding
- make - making
- write - writing
- believe - believing
- drive - driving
- dance - dancing

Verbs ending with -ie

Change the -ie to -y and add -ING

- die - dying
- tie - tying
- lie - lying

Double letters

Verbs ending with one vowel and one consonant

For one syllable verbs double the consonant and add -ING

- jog - jogging
- sit - sitting
- run - running
- stop - stopping
- swim - swimming

If the 2nd syllable is stressed, double the consonant and add ING

- admit - admitting
- prefer - preferring
- begin - beginning