

Present Participle: Spelling Rules

FORM:

VERB END	RULE	EXAMPLES
consonant + “e”	Drop the “-e”, add “-ing”.	write writing
Single vowel + consonant (one syllable) Exception: verbs that end in “w”, “x”, and “y”.	Double the consonant, add “-ing”. Do not double “w”, “x”, and “y”.	hit hitting snow snowing mix mixing play playing
Consonant + vowel + consonant. There is more than one syllable, and the stress is on the last syllable. If the stress is not on the last syllable...	Double the consonant, add “-ing”. Do not double the consonant.	begin beginning forget forgetting LISTen listening HAPpen happening
“-ie”	Change the “-ie” to “y”, add “-ing”.	lie lying die dying
All other verbs.	Add “-ing” to the base form of verb.	talk talking study studying do doing agree agreeing

USE:

The **Present Participle** (verb + “-ing”) is used after the verb “**to be**” when we use the Present Continuous (Progressive) tense.

EXAMPLES:

I am living in an apartment.
They are talking to the manager.

Beginner 1 – Exercise 35 – Present Participle: Spelling Rules

Form the PRESENT PARTICIPLE of the following verbs.

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| 1. | to study | _____ | 27. | to come | _____ |
| 2. | to prepare | _____ | 28. | to go | _____ |
| 3. | to eat | _____ | 29. | to ring | _____ |
| 4. | to learn | _____ | 30. | to begin | _____ |
| 5. | to work | _____ | 31. | to build | _____ |
| 6. | to play | _____ | 32. | to have | _____ |
| 7. | to get | _____ | 33. | to laugh | _____ |
| 8. | to teach | _____ | 34. | to do | _____ |
| 9. | to take | _____ | 35. | to turn | _____ |
| 10. | to try | _____ | 36. | to run | _____ |
| 11. | to help | _____ | 37. | to watch | _____ |
| 12. | to walk | _____ | 38. | to read | _____ |
| 13. | to wear | _____ | 39. | to blow | _____ |
| 14. | to live | _____ | 40. | to fly | _____ |
| 15. | to stop | _____ | 41. | to wait | _____ |
| 16. | to drive | _____ | 42. | to hit | _____ |
| 17. | to listen | _____ | 43. | to write | _____ |
| 18. | to fix | _____ | 44. | to stay | _____ |
| 19. | to say | _____ | 45. | to give | _____ |
| 20. | to fall | _____ | 46. | to clean | _____ |
| 21. | to carry | _____ | 47. | to occur | _____ |
| 22. | to sit | _____ | 48. | to sign | _____ |
| 23. | to meet | _____ | 49. | to sell | _____ |
| 24. | to chase | _____ | 50. | to die | _____ |
| 25. | to forget | _____ | 51. | to explain | _____ |
| 26. | to finish | _____ | 52. | to drop | _____ |