



## Present Continuous: Spelling

The present continuous tense is: *am / is / are + verb + -ing* (the present participle).

To make the present participle with most verbs, you add *-ing* to the verb:

*walk --> walking*

*go --> going*

*try --> trying*

For some verbs, there are spelling rules:

one vowel + one consonant --> double the consonant, add *-ing*

*get --> getting*

*run --> running*

one vowel + one consonant + *e* --> remove the *e* and add *-ing*

*give --> giving*

*take --> taking*

ends in *ie* --> remove the *ie*, add *y*

*die --> dying*

*lie --> lying*

Here are some rules for some other verbs:

The consonant is doubled in words of more than one syllable, if the last syllable is stressed.

*forget --> forgetting*

The consonant isn't usually doubled in an unstressed syllable.

*open --> opening*

There are some differences between British and American English, e.g. *travelling* (British English) *traveling* (American English).



### Exercise

Write the *-ing* forms (present participles) of these verbs:

walk \_\_\_\_\_

talk \_\_\_\_\_

go \_\_\_\_\_

hold \_\_\_\_\_

teach \_\_\_\_\_

spend \_\_\_\_\_

cry \_\_\_\_\_

sleep \_\_\_\_\_

run \_\_\_\_\_

hop \_\_\_\_\_

jump \_\_\_\_\_

stop \_\_\_\_\_

begin \_\_\_\_\_

forget \_\_\_\_\_

hope \_\_\_\_\_

take \_\_\_\_\_

drive \_\_\_\_\_

write \_\_\_\_\_

rise \_\_\_\_\_

die \_\_\_\_\_

### Answers

walking, talking, going, holding, teaching, spending, crying, sleeping, running, hopping, jumping, stopping, beginning, forgetting, hoping, taking, driving, writing, rising, dying.

