

# Past Progressive, Spelling of Verbs With - ing

- The past progressive tense is used to talk about actions that were happening at a specific time in the past.
- Indicates continuing action, something that was happening, going on, at some point in the past.
- The past progressive indicates a limited duration of time and is thus a convenient way to indicate that something took place (in the simple past) while something else was happening
- The past progressive can express incomplete action.

**TO BE (past tense) + present participle of the verb (with ing- ending)**

Examples:

Subject	Past of verb To Be	Verb with “- ing	Complement
I	was	doing	my homework at 4:00 p.m.
Sara and Diana	were	playing	Soccer yesterday.

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There are some rules to add the -ing to the verbs:

Verb ending in:	Add:	Examples:
<b>Consonant + vowel + consonant</b> <b>(with stressed syllable)</b>	Doubled the final consonant	Begin - Begin <b>ning</b> Stop - Stop <b>ping</b>
<b>Consonant + e</b>	Remove the -e	Dance <b>e</b> - dancing
<b>-ie</b>	Change the <b>-ie</b> to <b>-y</b>	<b>Die</b> - d <b>ying</b> <b>Lie</b> - l <b>ying</b>