

When adding the "-ing", we have to follow special spelling rules.

1. The general rule is to add **-ing** to the verb. For example, for verbs like wait, visit, speak, add only **-ing** (i.e., waiting, visiting, speaking.)
2. When a verb ends in a silent **e**, we drop the **e** and add **-ing**. For example, close becomes **closing**.
3. For verbs with one syllable and ending in a vowel and a consonant (e.g., **run**, **stop**, **hit**), double the final consonant and add **-ing**. For example, hit becomes **hitting**.
4. For verbs ending in **w**, **y**, or **x**, we only add **-ing**. For example, fix becomes **fixing**.
5. For verbs ending in a vowel and a consonant with the stress on the final syllable (e.g., **refer**, **forget**), double the consonant and add **-ing** (e.g., **referring**, **forgetting**.)
6. For verbs ending in **-ie**, drop the **-ie** and add **-ying**. For example, die becomes **dying**.
7. For verbs ending in **-ee**, **-ye**, and **-oe**, do not remove the final **-e** when adding **-ing**. For example, the verbs **free**, **dye**, and **tiptoe**, become **freeing**, **dyeing**, and **tiptoeing**.
8. For verbs ending in a consonant + vowel + L, one of 2 rules apply depending on whether you are using American or British English. In American English, **travel** becomes **traveling** while in British English it becomes **travelling**.
9. For verbs ending in **-c**, we add a **-k** + **-ing**. For example, **mimic** becomes **mimicking** when we add **-ing**.

Open the brackets and use gerund

1. I enjoy.....(fix)my bike on the weekends.
2. She doesn't mind(lie) in bed all day on her day off.
3. I hate.....(speak) in front of large crowds.
4. Yesterday, I felt like.....(shop) but didn't buy anything.
5. He gave up.....(run) after injuring his knee.
6. We went on.....(chat) until the restaurant closed.
7. Sarah enjoyed.....(play) soccer with her friends after school.
8. They like.....(picnic) by the river on a sunny day.
9. John is good at.....(listen) to others when they talk.
10. My mom is bad at.....(cook), so we prefer eating out.
11. Tina didn't mind.....(write) an essay for her English class.
12. Sometimes I spend time.....(scroll) through social media on my phone.
13. I look forward to(join) a new gym and working out more.
14. The lifeguard told everyone to stop.....(swim) because of the thunderstorm.
15. I dream of.....(visit) Paris someday and seeing the Eiffel Tower.
16. Tom likes to think of.....(win) the championship game.