

Complete the sentences with the correct form of **to be**. ( + = affirmative; - = negative; ? = interrogative.)

**Example:** Today \_\_\_\_ (+) a beautiful day. → Today **is** a beautiful day.

- a) Today \_\_\_\_ (+) Saturday. It \_\_\_\_ (-) a school day.
- b) These pictures \_\_\_\_ (-) very beautiful.
- c) I \_\_\_\_ (-) the new teacher. \_\_\_\_ you the new student?
- d) Those letters \_\_\_\_ (+) well written.
- e) These comics \_\_\_\_ (-) very funny. \_\_\_\_ you the artist?
- f) The instructions \_\_\_\_ (-) very clear for this activity.
- g) \_\_\_\_ Mary a good teacher? Yes, she \_\_\_\_ (+)
- h) \_\_\_\_ Peter, Paul and Mary good friends? No, they \_\_\_\_ (-)

## PRESENT CONTINUOUS SPELLING RULES



### Words with one Syllable

- Verbs that end in -e (make / write etc.) → **ing**:  
make → making write → writing drive → driving
- Sometimes a word ends in a vowel + a consonant. For example: get, run, swim.  
Before adding -ing, the consonant at the end is 'doubled'.  
get → getting run → running swim → swimming
- Do NOT double the letter if the word ends in two consonants.  
help → helping talk → talking work → working
- Do NOT double the letter if the word ends in two vowels + a consonant.  
look → looking read → reading speak → speaking
- Do NOT double the letter if the word ends in -w or -x or -y  
snow → snowing fix → fixing buy → buying

- Complete the sentences below. Use 'ing' verb forms.

1. I am (watch) watching TV with my family.
2. Why are you (stop) \_\_\_\_\_ the car?
3. Julia is (have) \_\_\_\_\_ lunch in the cafeteria.
4. My wife and I are (plan) \_\_\_\_\_ to travel next summer.
5. Richard is (pay) \_\_\_\_\_ his telephone bill.
6. I am (talk) \_\_\_\_\_ to my friend on the phone.
7. She is (show) \_\_\_\_\_ the report to her boss.
8. My friends are (meet) \_\_\_\_\_ each other in New York.
9. I am (fill) \_\_\_\_\_ the bucket with water.
10. The barber is (cut) \_\_\_\_\_ my hair.
11. Are you (eat) \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast now?
12. I think our team is (win) \_\_\_\_\_ the game!

Vowels:  
a e i o u  
Consonants:  
b c d f g h j k l m n  
p q r s t v w x y z