

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