

Present Continuous – Spelling Rules

When adding **ing** to the base form, note the following spelling rules:

1. In verbs ending with **e**, the final **e** is dropped before adding **ing**.

come coming

2. In one-syllable verbs which end with consonant - vowel - consonant, the last consonant is doubled before adding **ing**.

stop stopping

Exception: the letters **w**, **x**, and **y** are never doubled.

blow blowing mix mixing stay staying

3. In verbs of more than one syllable, the final consonant is doubled only when the last syllable consists of consonant - vowel - consonant, and is stressed.

begin beginning

Note that in verbs where the stress is not on the last syllable, the final consonant is not doubled even if the verb ends in consonant - vowel - consonant.

listen listening water watering

4. In verbs ending in **ie**, the **ie** is changed to **y** before adding **ing**.

tie tying

Present Simple + Third Person Singular: With most verbs, simply add **'-s'**. For example: "She lives in New Zealand."
However, you should add **'-es'** to the following kinds of verbs:

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| He She It | wa <u>tch</u> es TV. tea <u>ch</u> es English. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> verbs ending in '-tch' or '-ch' |
| | wa <u>sh</u> es his/her/its clothes. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> verbs ending in '-sh' |
| | mi <u>ss</u> es his/her/its friend. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> verbs ending in '-ss' |
| | g <u>o</u> es to school. d <u>o</u> es exercise. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> verbs ending in '-o' |
| | fi <u>x</u> es broken bicycles. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> verbs ending in '-x' |
| | stud <u>i</u> es English. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> verbs ending in a consonant + '-y' change to 'i' before adding '-es' |
| | pl <u>a</u> ys tennis. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note that verbs ending in a vowel + '-y' just add '-s' (vowels: a,e,i,o,u) |

Spelling rules

| Present simple (sh, ch, o , ss, x , consonat + y) | Presen Continuous (e , 1 Silaba + c+v+c , ie,) |
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| Go _____ | Make _____ |
| Wash _____ | Lie _____ |
| Do _____ | Plan _____ |
| Work _____ | Eat _____ |
| Study _____ | Run _____ |
| Play _____ | Swim _____ |
| Watch _____ | Drive _____ |