

Word Skills: Adding -ing

When you write verbs in the present continuous and past continuous tenses, you use the ending *-ing*. Here are some rules to help you add that ending.

Language Objectives

Spell the *-ing* form of verbs correctly. Use *-ing* words correctly in sentences.

Rule 1: For words that end in a silent (not pronounced) *-e*, drop the *-e* and add *-ing*.

Example: smile → smiling

Rule 2: For one-syllable words that end in consonant-vowel-consonant (except *x* and *w*), double the last letter and add *-ing*.

Examples: sit → sitting run → running

Rule 3: For most other words (including words that end in *-y*), add *-ing* with no changes.

Examples: rain → raining send → sending

A Use these rules to add *-ing* to the following words:

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| 1. shave _____ | 16. hope _____ | 31. save _____ |
| 2. comb _____ | 17. jump _____ | 32. tap _____ |
| 3. make _____ | 18. joke _____ | 33. carry _____ |
| 4. feed _____ | 19. marry _____ | 34. buy _____ |
| 5. do _____ | 20. put _____ | 35. sew _____ |
| 6. empty _____ | 21. say _____ | 36. eat _____ |
| 7. jog _____ | 22. talk _____ | 37. write _____ |
| 8. take _____ | 23. stop _____ | 38. dream _____ |
| 9. vacuum _____ | 24. type _____ | 39. cut _____ |
| 10. go _____ | 25. use _____ | 40. roar _____ |
| 11. sleep _____ | 26. worry _____ | 41. die _____ |
| 12. lie _____ | 27. look _____ | 42. dig _____ |
| 13. change _____ | 28. bat _____ | 43. bury _____ |
| 14. fry _____ | 29. dance _____ | 44. see _____ |