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RULES FOR THE 3RD PERSON SINGULAR (HE / SHE / IT)

In general + s	Verbs ending in conson. + y y + ies	Verbs ending in -o, sh, tch, x, ss + es
work → works	study → studi e <ins>es</ins>	go → go e <ins>s</ins>
eat → eats	cry → cri e <ins>es</ins>	wash → wash e <ins>es</ins>
play → play s	try → tri e <ins>es</ins>	watch → watch e <ins>es</ins>
swim → swim s	spy → spie s <ins>es</ins>	mix → mix e <ins>s</ins>
write → writes	fly → flie s <ins>es</ins>	kiss → kiss e <ins>es</ins>

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

POSITIVE

I am eating
You are eating
She is eating
He is eating
It is eating
We are eating
You are eating
They are eating

NEGATIVE

I am not eating
You are not eating
She is not eating
He is not eating
It is not eating
We are not eating
You are not eating
They are not eating

INTERROGATIVE

Am I eating?
Are you eating?
Is she eating?
Is he eating?
Is it eating?
Are we eating?
Are you eating?
Are they eating?

SPELLING RULES

No Change



Most verbs ending in "y" add **ING**

buy + ing = buying
enjoy + ing = enjoying
play + ing = playing
say + ing = saying
try + ing = trying
talk + ing = talking
sing + ing = singing

Most verbs add "ing"

eat - eating
speak - speaking
cook - cooking
start - starting
do - doing
stay - staying
fix - fixing

Change



Verbs ending in "e"
drop the final "e"

hope - hoping
ride - riding
make - making
write - writing
believe - believing
drive - driving
dance - dancing

Verbs ending with -ie

Change the -ie to -y
and add -ING
die - dying
tie - tying
lie - lying

Double letters



Verbs ending with one vowel and one consonant

For one syllable verbs

double the consonant
and add -ING

jog - jogging
sit - sitting
run - running
stop - stopping
swim - swimming

If the 2nd syllable is
stressed, double
the consonant and
add ING

admit - admitting
prefer - preferring
begin - beginning

