

Present Progressive Verbs Worksheet

Talking about what is happening right now.

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ASHA places -ing verbs in the 2-to-3-year band

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Present progressive describes an action in motion: "The dog IS RUNNING." It needs two pieces working together - a helping verb (is, am, are) and an -ing ending. The -ing shows up very early, usually as the first grammatical ending a child ever uses. The helping verb takes longer, which is why toddlers say "doggy running" long before they say "the doggy is running."

What to expect: Around 2, expect "baby crying." Around 3, the helping verb starts appearing but may be the wrong one - "they is running." By 4, most children have both pieces and the right agreement. Dropping the helping verb entirely past age 4 is worth paying attention to, especially if other grammar is also delayed.

Add the -ing Ending

Fill in the blank with the -ing form of the verb.

1. The boy is ____ a book. (read)
2. The dog is ____ in the yard. (run)
3. The baby is ____ in the crib. (sleep)
4. Mom is ____ dinner. (cook)
5. The girl is ____ a picture. (paint)
6. The cat is ____ on the couch. (sit)
7. Dad is ____ the car. (drive)
8. The bird is ____ over the tree. (fly)
9. The kids are ____ in the pool. (swim)
10. The horse is ____ over the fence. (jump)

11. The teacher is ____ to the class. (talk)

12. The rabbit is ____ a carrot. (eat)

Is, Am, or Are?

Choose the right helping verb to finish each sentence.

13. The dog ____ barking at the mailman.

14. The children ____ playing at the park.

15. I ____ building a tower.

16. My brother ____ riding his scooter.

17. The birds ____ singing in the tree.

18. You ____ doing a great job.

19. The baby ____ crying for her bottle.

20. We ____ walking to the store.

21. I ____ eating my lunch.

22. Grandma ____ knitting a scarf.

23. The puppies ____ chewing on a bone.

24. The bus ____ coming down the street.

What Is Happening?

Look at each picture card and answer with a full sentence in present progressive.

25. What is the girl doing? (swing)

26. What are the boys doing? (climb)

27. What is the cat doing? (drink)

28. What is the fireman doing? (spray)

- 29. What are the ducks doing? (swim)
- 30. What is the baby doing? (clap)
- 31. What is the man doing? (rake)
- 32. What are the girls doing? (dance)

Answer Key

Add the -ing Ending

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| 1. reading | 7. driving |
| 2. running | 8. flying |
| 3. sleeping | 9. swimming |
| 4. cooking | 10. jumping |
| 5. painting | 11. talking |
| 6. sitting | 12. eating |

Is, Am, or Are?

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| 13. is | 19. is |
| 14. are | 20. are |
| 15. am | 21. am |
| 16. is | 22. is |
| 17. are | 23. are |
| 18. are | 24. is |

What Is Happening?

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| 25. The girl is swinging. | 29. The ducks are swimming. |
| 26. The boys are climbing. | 30. The baby is clapping. |
| 27. The cat is drinking. | 31. The man is raking. |
| 28. The fireman is spraying. | 32. The girls are dancing. |