

# Verbs Ending in -ING

Add -ing to form a verb tense

## PRESENT PROGRESSIVE TENSE

To show an action that is happening right now over a period of time.

Present tense of "to be" + verb stem + ing

### Examples:

I am learning English. (am + learn+ing)

My brother is reading a book in his bedroom. (is + read+ing)

What are you doing right now? (are +do+ing)

## PAST PROGRESSIVE TENSE

(1) An action that was happening in the past

(2) An action happening in the past that when another action suddenly happens or interrupts

(3) An action happening in the past while another action is happening in the past at the same time

Past tense of "to be" + verb stem + ing

## Examples:

(1)

What were you doing before class? (were + do+ing)

I was playing a video game. (was + play+ing)

(2)

I was reading a book when the phone rang. (was + read+ing)

(3)

The phone was ringing while I was participating in my TalkEnglish class.

(was + ring+ ing, was + participat+ing)