

Verbs with 'ing'



If you want to write about something that's **still happening**, use the **present form** of 'to be' plus the **main verb** with 'ing' on the **end**.

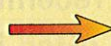
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verb



ing



He **is** speaking to her.

'ing' verbs in the **past** are formed like 'ing' verbs in the **present**, but 'to be' has to be in the **past tense**.



Karl **was** talking.

1 Rewrite these sentences using the **past tense** with 'ing'.

We are starting, but they are finishing.

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Mark and Katie are skiing, but I am freezing!

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I am running, he is jogging and they are sitting.

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★ Extra Challenge

Write a paragraph about what a friend is doing right now using 'ing' verbs.

2 Complete the passage below by putting the verbs in brackets into the 'ing' form.

My brother Micah is (to leave) home today. Six months ago he was (to apply) to boarding school, and he was (to hope) to get a place. Now he is actually (to go) I will miss him because he is always (to help) me with my homework. I am already (to count) down the days until half term.

"I can use verbs in their 'ing' forms."

