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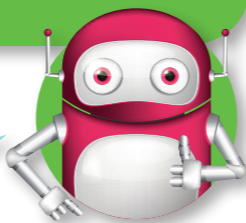
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Verbs: present tenses with 'ing'

Learn

What are present tenses with **ing**?



Sometimes we need to describe actions that are still happening now, or that were happening in the past. To do this we use a being verb with a doing verb ending in **ing**.

We can describe actions in the **present** that **are** happening now. To do this we use the being verbs **am**, **is** or **are** + the doing verb ending **ing**.

am
is + doing verb and **ing**
are

I **am** jumping
he **is** jumping
they **are** jumping



Activities



1. Copy these sentences. Choose the correct verb from: 'is', 'am' and 'are'.

- Ellie ____ washing her hair tonight.
- Auntie Kath and Uncle Richard ____ taking me to the cinema.
- I ____ eating my tea.



Tip
am, **is** and **are** are sometimes called helper verbs.

2. Write the words that show the actions which are happening now.

- I am walking with my gran and grandad.
- The trees are blowing in the wind.

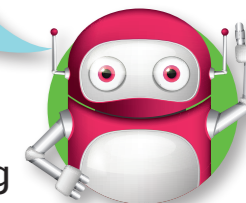
3. Use the helper verbs to rewrite these sentences so they describe something which is happening now.

- We go to the pool.
- I swim backstroke.

Verbs: past tenses with 'ing'

Learn

How do we use past tenses with **ing**?



We can describe actions in the **past** that **were** happening. To do this, we use the being verbs **was** and **were** + the doing verb ending **ing**.

was
was + doing verb and **ing**
were

I **was** reading
he **was** reading
they **were** reading

[Insert a/w of children reading a book/Kindle]

Activities



1. These events have already happened. Write the sentences. Add the correct verbs to complete them.

- The children were ____ sandcastles.
- Jane was ____ her bike.
- I was ____ television.

2. Use the helper verbs to write a sentence about each picture to show what each person was doing yesterday.



Tip
was and **were** are sometimes called helper verbs.

Use the helper verbs: was, were.

