

Exploring Spelling Patterns: *-ing* Endings

Student Handout

Step 1: Listen to your teacher as they read, and follow along with the text below. As you listen, pause and underline or highlight when you notice something interesting or have a question.

A **verb** is a word that we use to describe an action or state of being. Verbs come in three tenses: past, present, and future. The past is used to describe things that have already happened. The present is used to describe things that are happening right now. The future is used to describe things that will happen.

We can add some endings to verbs in order to change the number or tense of those words. One ending that we can add is **-ing**. We add the ending *-ing* to say that something is happening in the present, or right now.

Step 2: In each sentence, underline the word with the *-ing* ending. Then answer the question about what the sentence says is happening now.

1. The girl is writing a story.

What is the girl doing now?

2. The teacher is painting a picture.

What is the teacher doing now?

3. The student is studying for a test.

What is the student doing now?

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Step 3: Change each sentence so that it describes an action that is happening now.

Past Tense	Present Tense
The girl brushed her hair.	The girl is _____ _____.
Carlos played basketball.	Carlos is _____ _____.
The man pushed the chair.	The man is _____ _____.