

Present Continuous Spelling Rules

**No
Change**

**Most verbs ending in
"y" add ING**

buy + ing = buying
enjoy + ing = enjoying
play + ing = playing
say + ing = saying
try + ing = trying
talk + ing = talking
sing + ing = singing

Most verbs add "ing"

eat - eating
speak - speaking
cook - cooking
start - starting
do - doing
stay - staying
fix - fixing

Change

**Verbs ending in "e"
drop the final "e"**

hope - hoping
ride - riding
make - making
write - writing
believe - believing
drive - driving
dance - dancing

**Verbs ending with -
ie**

**Change the -ie to -y
and add -ING**

die - dying
tie - tying
lie - lying

**Double
letters**

**Verbs ending with one
vowel and one
consonant**

For one syllable verbs

**double the consonant
and add -ING**

jog - jogging
sit - sitting
run - running
stop - stopping
swim - swimming

**If the 2nd syllable is
stressed, double
the consonant and
add ING**

admit - admitting
prefer - preferring
begin - beginning