

# Past Progressive, Spelling of Verbs With - ing

- The past progressive tense is used to talk about actions that were happening at a specific time in the past.
- Indicates continuing action, something that was happening, going on, at some point in the past.
- The past progressive indicates a limited duration of time and is thus a convenient way to indicate that something took place (in the simple past) while something else was happening
- The past progressive can express incomplete action.

**TO BE (past tense) + present participle of the verb (with ing- ending)**

Examples:

| Subject                   | Past of verb<br>To Be | Verb with “-<br>ing | Complement               |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| I                         | was                   | doing               | my homework at 4:00 p.m. |
| <b>Sara and<br/>Diana</b> | were                  | playing             | Soccer yesterday.        |

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There are some rules to add the -ing to the verbs:

| Verb ending in:   | Add:                               | Examples:  |
|---|------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Consonant + vowel + consonant</b><br><b>(with stressed syllable)</b> | Doubled the final consonant        | Begin - Begin <b>ning</b><br>Stop - Stop <b>ping</b>     |
| <b>Consonant + e</b>  | Remove the -e                      | Dance <b>e</b> - dancing                                 |
| <b>-ie</b>  | Change the <b>-ie</b> to <b>-y</b> | <b>Die</b> - <b>dy</b> ing<br><b>Lie</b> - <b>ly</b> ing |