

Adding -ing

There are some rules that can help with adding -ing to create present tense verbs.

For some words it is easy to just add -ing.

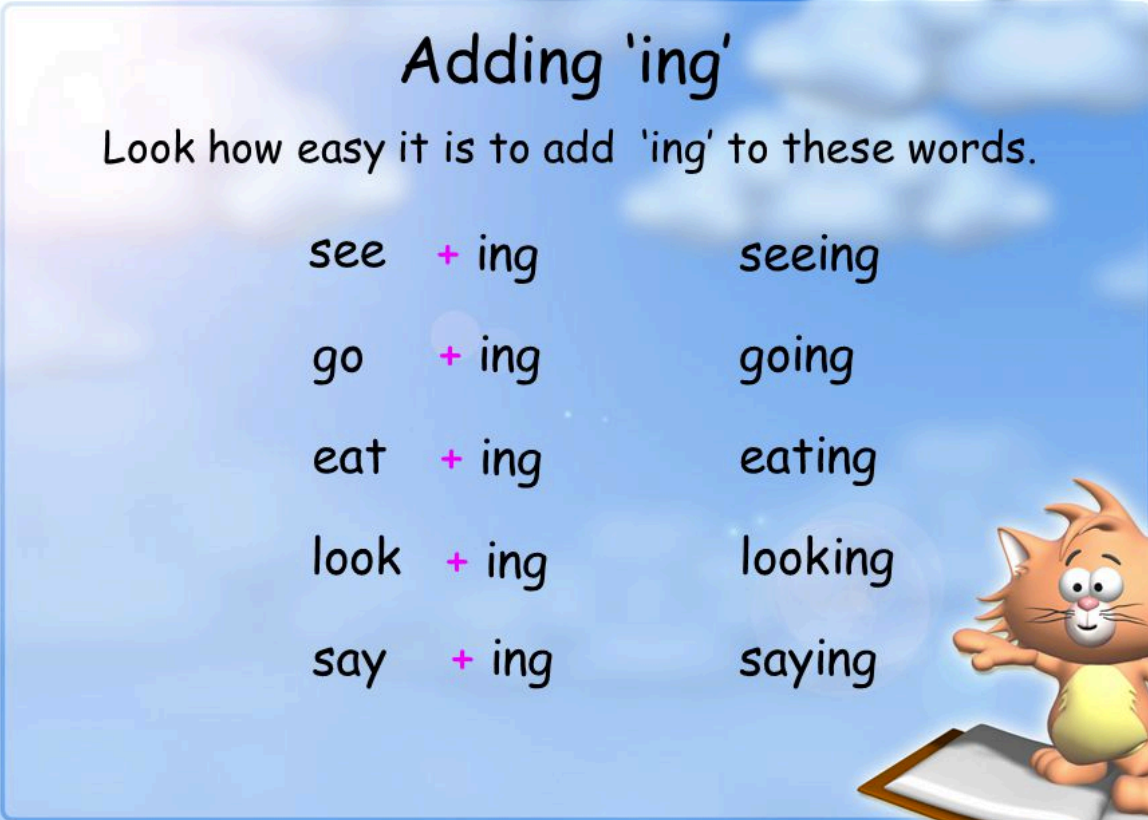
RULE 1: Just add!

For some words, we just add -ing to the root word e.g. sing - singing, eat - eating, talk - talking

RULE 2: See 2? Add -ing that's all you do!

If a word has 2 of the same letters, we just add -ing e.g. see - seeing, sell - selling, huff - huffing.

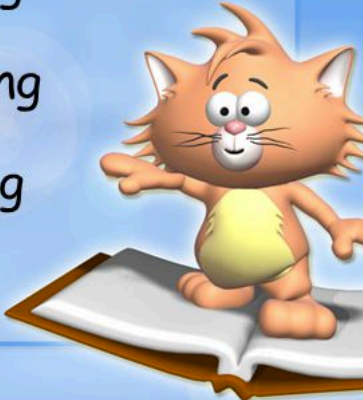
See below:



Adding 'ing'

Look how easy it is to add 'ing' to these words.


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|------|-------|---------|
| see | + ing | seeing |
| go | + ing | going |
| eat | + ing | eating |
| look | + ing | looking |
| say | + ing | saying |



However, for other words it is not so straightforward.

RULE 3: Silent e? Drop it please!

If a word has a consonant letter (any letter that is not a vowel - a, e, i, o & u) and then an e, drop the e and add 'ing'. See below:



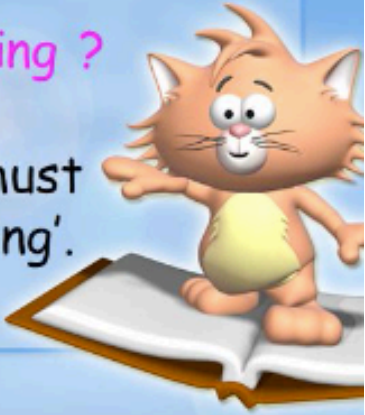
Words ending in **e** are a bit more tricky !

make + ing mak **e** ing

take + ing tak **e** ing

Can you see what is happening ?

If a word ends in an **e** you must drop the **e** before adding 'ing'.



Drop the e and add 'ing' to these words:

1. hope → _____

2. bake → _____

3. have → _____

4. love → _____


5. save → _____


RULE 4: Just 1? Double the fun!

If a word has the structure CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant), where the vowel sound is short and makes its sound, you must double the last letter before adding -ing. For example words such as sit, hop, run, shop. See below:

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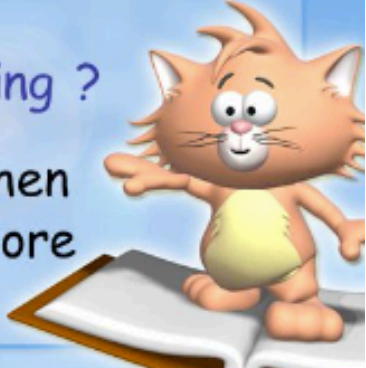
These words have a **short vowel sound** in the middle. Watch what happens!

 **run** + **ing** **runn** **ing**

 **shop** + **ing** **shopp** **ing**

Can you see what is happening ?


If the word has a **short vowel**, then you must add a **double letter** before the 'ing'.



Double the fun by doubling the last letter, then add 'ing' to these words:

1. sit  _____

2. hum  _____

3. hop  _____

4. hug  _____

5. pop  _____

So remember...

- Most words just add 'ing'
- Words ending in **e** ... drop the **e** before adding 'ing'
- Words with a **short vowel** need a **double letter** before adding 'ing'

