Present Progressive Verbs Worksheet



Talking about what is happening right now.

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ASHA places -ing verbs in the 2-to-3-year band

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Present progressive describes an action in motion: "The dog IS RUNNING." It needs two pieces working together - a helping verb (is, am, are) and an -ing ending. The -ing shows up very early, usually as the first grammatical ending a child ever uses. The helping verb takes longer, which is why toddlers say "doggy running" long before they say "the doggy is running."

What to expect: Around 2, expect "baby crying." Around 3, the helping verb starts appearing but may be the wrong one - "they is running." By 4, most children have both pieces and the right agreement. Dropping the helping verb entirely past age 4 is worth paying attention to, especially if other grammar is also delayed.

Add the -ing Ending

Fill in the blank with the -ing form of the verb.

1. The boy is ____ a book. (read)



2. The dog is ____ in the yard. (run)



3. The baby is ____ in the crib. (sleep)



4. Mom is ____ dinner. (cook)



5. The girl is ____ a picture. (paint)



6. The cat is ____ on the couch. (sit)



7. Dad is ____ the car. (drive) 

8. The bird is ____ over the tree. (fly) 

9. The kids are ____ in the pool. (swim) 

10. The horse is ____ over the fence. (jump) 

11. The teacher is ____ to the class. (talk) 

12. The rabbit is ____ a carrot. (eat) 

Add the -ing Ending: Round 2

Fill in the blank with the -ing form of the verb.

13. The girl is ____ a picture. (draw) 

14. The baby is ____ his milk. (drink) 

15. The dog is ____ a hole. (dig) 

16. The man is ____ the car. (wash) 

17. The cat is ____ up the tree. (climb) 

18. The boy is ____ on the bed. (jump) 

19. The bird is ____ over the house. (fly) 

20 The girl is ____ her bike. (ride) 

21 The puppy is ____ in its bed. (sleep) 

22 The children are ____ in the pool. (swim) 

23 The woman is ____ dinner. (cook) 

24 The boy is ____ his shoe. (tie) 

Add the -ing Ending: Round 3

Fill in the blank with the -ing form of the verb.

25 The girl is ____ a song. (sing) 

26 The dog is ____ the ball. (catch) 

27 The man is ____ the door. (open) 

28 The baby is ____ at the dog. (point) 

29 The boy is ____ his teeth. (brush) 

30 The cat is ____ the mouse. (chase) 

31 The girl is ____ a flower. (pick) 

32 The teacher is ____ on the paper. (write) 

33 The children are ____ a snowman. (build)



34 The woman is ____ the plant. (water)



35 The duck is ____ in the pond. (float)



36 The boy is ____ the drum. (bang)



Add the -ing Ending: Round 4

Fill in the blank with the -ing form of the verb.

37 The girl is ____ the door. (close)



38 The dog is ____ under the table. (hide)



39 The baby is ____ the spoon. (drop)



40 The man is ____ the ladder. (carry)



41 The boy is ____ his coat. (zip)



42 The cat is ____ on the rug. (sit)



43 The girl is ____ a balloon. (hold)



44 The children are ____ hands. (hold)



45 The woman is ____ the baby. (rock)



46 The bird is ____ a nest. (make)



47 The boy is ____ down the slide. (slide)



48 The girl is ____ her sock. (pull)



Is, Am, or Are?

Choose the right helping verb to finish each sentence.

49 The dog ____ barking at the mailman.



50 The children ____ playing at the park.



51 I ____ building a tower.



52 My brother ____ riding his scooter.



53 The birds ____ singing in the tree.



54 You ____ building a tall tower.



55 The baby ____ crying for her bottle.



56 We ____ walking to the store.



57 I ____ eating my lunch.



58 Grandma ____ knitting a scarf.



59 The puppies ____ chewing on a bone.



60 The bus ____ coming down the street.



Is, Am, or Are?: Round 2

Fill in the blank with is, am or are.

61 The bird ____ sitting on the fence.



62 The children ____ playing in the sand.



63 I ____ eating my apple.



64 The puppy ____ chewing my shoe.



65 The babies ____ sleeping.



66 My sister ____ brushing her hair.



67 We ____ walking to the park.



68 The horse ____ eating grass.



69 I ____ holding the balloon.



70 The bees ____ flying to the flower.



71 The kitten ____ drinking milk.



72 You ____ wearing a hat. 

Is, Am, or Are?: Round 3

Fill in the blank with is, am or are.

73 The teacher ____ reading to the class. 

74 My brothers ____ washing the car. 

75 I ____ tying my shoe. 

76 The frog ____ jumping in the pond. 

77 The ducks ____ swimming. 

78 Grandma ____ making a cake. 

79 They ____ building a tower. 

80 The fish ____ swimming in its tank. 

81 I ____ drawing a star. 

82 The dogs ____ barking at the door. 

83 The baby ____ crawling on the rug. 

84 We ____ singing a song. 

Is, Am, or Are?: Round 4

Fill in the blank with is, am or are.

85. The cat ____ hiding under the bed. 
86. My friends ____ riding their bikes. 
87. I ____ painting a picture. 
88. The rabbit ____ eating a carrot. 
89. The children ____ digging in the garden. 
90. Dad ____ fixing the truck. 
91. You ____ wearing your boots. 
92. The bird ____ building a nest. 
93. I ____ pouring the milk. 
94. The cows ____ standing in the field. 
95. My sister ____ blowing up a balloon. 
96. We ____ waiting for the bus. 

What Is Happening?

Look at each picture card and answer with a full sentence in present progressive.

97 What is the girl doing? (swing)



98 What are the boys doing? (climb)



99 What is the cat doing? (drink)



100 What is the dog doing with the ball? (chase)



101 What are the ducks doing? (swim)



102 What is the baby doing? (clap)



103 What is the man doing? (rake)



104 What are the girls doing? (dance)



What Is Happening?: Round 2

Look at each picture and say the whole sentence. The answer needs both the helping verb and the -ing.

105 What is the boy doing? (climb)



106 What is the dog doing? (bark)



107 What is the girl doing? (paint)



108 What is the baby doing? (crawl)



109 What is the cat doing? (sleep)



110 What are the children doing? (run)



111 What is the bird doing? (fly)



112 What is the man doing? (cook)



113 What is the horse doing? (jump)



114 What are the ducks doing? (swim)



What Is Happening?: Round 3

Look at each picture and say the whole sentence. The answer needs both the helping verb and the -ing.

115 What is the girl doing? (dance)



116 What is the boy doing? (drink)



117 What is the puppy doing? (dig)



118 What is the woman doing? (drive)



119 What are the bees doing? (fly)



120 What is the baby doing? (cry)



121 What is the fish doing? (swim)



122 What is the teacher doing? (write)



123 What are the friends doing? (play)



124 What is the frog doing? (hop)



What Is Happening?: Round 4

Look at each picture and say the whole sentence. The answer needs both the helping verb and the -ing.

125 What is the boy doing? (wave)



126 What is the girl doing? (smile)



127 What is the cow doing? (eat)



128 What is the man doing? (sweep)



129 What are the children doing? (sing)



130 What is the baby doing? (clap)



131 What is the cat doing? (stretch)



132 What is the rabbit doing? (hop)



133 What are the birds doing? (sit)



134 What is the girl doing? (skip)



Answer Key

Add the -ing Ending

1. reading
2. running
3. sleeping
4. cooking
5. painting
6. sitting
7. driving
8. flying
9. swimming
10. jumping
11. talking
12. eating

Add the -ing Ending: Round 2

13. drawing
14. drinking
15. digging
16. washing
17. climbing
18. jumping
19. flying
20. riding
21. sleeping
22. swimming
23. cooking
24. tying

Add the -ing Ending: Round 3

25. singing
26. catching
27. opening
28. pointing
29. brushing
30. chasing
31. picking
32. writing
33. building
34. watering
35. floating
36. banging

Add the -ing Ending: Round 4

37. closing
38. hiding
39. dropping
40. carrying
41. zipping
42. sitting
43. holding
44. holding
45. rocking
46. making
47. sliding
48. pulling

Is, Am, or Are?

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50. are
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Is, Am, or Are?: Round 2

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Is, Am, or Are?: Round 3

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Is, Am, or Are?: Round 4

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What Is Happening?

97. The girl is swinging.
98. The boys are climbing.
99. The cat is drinking.
100. The dog is chasing the ball.
101. The ducks are swimming.
102. The baby is clapping.
103. The man is raking.
104. The girls are dancing.

What Is Happening?: Round 2

105. The boy is climbing.
106. The dog is barking.
107. The girl is painting.
108. The baby is crawling.
109. The cat is sleeping.
110. The children are running.
111. The bird is flying.
112. The man is cooking.
113. The horse is jumping.
114. The ducks are swimming.

What Is Happening?: Round 3

115. The girl is dancing.
116. The boy is drinking.

117. The puppy is digging.
118. The woman is driving.
119. The bees are flying.
120. The baby is crying.
121. The fish is swimming.
122. The teacher is writing.
123. The friends are playing.
124. The frog is hopping.

What Is Happening?: Round 4

125. The boy is waving.
126. The girl is smiling.
127. The cow is eating.
128. The man is sweeping.
129. The children are singing.
130. The baby is clapping.
131. The cat is stretching.
132. The rabbit is hopping.
133. The birds are sitting.
134. The girl is skipping.