

Adding - "ing"

There are three rules that explain how to add the -ing ending to most verbs and the exceptions of these rules.

Rule 1: add ing to most words

read + ing = reading

carry + ing = carrying

- always keep the y before adding the ing ending

Rule 2: if the word ends in e, drop the e and add ing

ask + ing = asking

take + ing = taking

Rule 3: if the word is short and ends with a vowel/consonant, double the consonant and add ing

stop + ing = stopping

wrap + ing = wrapping

Exceptions:

- if a word has a double e, do not drop the second e

see + ing = seeing

- Some verbs have irregular -ing forms - change in to y before adding -ing

lie + ing = lying

be + ing = being