

Basic Grammar: Forming the Past Progressive

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Finish sorting the words into groups.

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make	feel	hold	help	try	carry
take	tell	rest	put	continue	grow
come	right	lead	close	start	cut
see	call	plan	eat	study	happen
get	move	run	meet	read	lose
work	begin	keep	build	return	wait
give	turn	dance	bring	speak	learn
think	ask	play	live	talk	send

Add -ing	Double the final consonant and add -ing	Drop the silent -e and add -ing
saying	getting	having

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Sort the words into three groups.

Group 1: add -ing

Group 2: double the final consonant and add -ing

Group 3: drop the silent -e and add -ing

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