



Present Participle Interactive Worksheet **Answers**

In order to complete this worksheet, you should watch the series of grammar videos about the present participle in English. You should complete this worksheet at the same time as watching the videos.

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EXERCISE A: Write down five primary situations when the present participle is used.

- 1) Continuous tenses
- 2) As an adjective
- 3) Verb formation
- 4) To express a verb as a noun
- 5) Participial phrases

EXERCISE B: What is the general rule for forming the present participle? Fill in the gaps to complete the sentences below.

The general rule for forming the present participle is to add the letters **ING** to the end of the infinitive verb. For example, the verb to *drink* becomes **drinking** in the present participle and the verb to eat becomes **eating** in the present participle.

EXERCISE C: Fill in the table below to summarise the patterns and exceptions to the CVC rule. In column 1, you can see the pattern. In column 2, you should write an explanation describing what happens with this pattern and in column 3, you should write an example verb to demonstrate this pattern.

Pattern	Explanation	Example Verb
CVC General Rule	When the last three letters are CVC, we double the last consonant then add ING	swim
Ending in W	Only add ING	draw
Ending in Y	Only add ING	play
Ending in X	Only add ING	relax
Stress is on First Syllable	Only add ING	visit

EXERCISE D: What is the E rule for forming the present participle? Fill in the gaps to complete the sentences below.

If a verb ends in the letter E, we must eliminate the letter E, then add **ING** to form the present participle. For example, the verb to drive becomes **driving** in the present participle. However, if the last two letters are EE, then we **don't eliminate the E, we simply add ING to the end of the verb.** For example, see becomes seeing.

EXERCISE E: What is the IE rule for forming the present participle? Fill in the gaps to complete the sentences below.

If a verb ends in the letters IE, we must eliminate the letters **IE**, then add **Y** and **ING**. For example, the verb to die becomes **dying** in the present participle.

EXERCISE F: What is the C rule for forming the present participle? Fill in the gaps to complete the sentences below.

If a verb ends in the letter C, we must add **K** and **ING**. For example, the verb to picnic becomes **picnicking** in the present participle.