



## Present Continuous: Spelling Rules: -ing Forms

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

1. sit → He is \_\_\_\_ on the chair.  
a) siteing  
b) sitting  
c) siting  
d) sitting
2. make → She is \_\_\_\_ a cake.  
a) makking  
b) making  
c) makeing  
d) makeeing
3. run → The dog is \_\_\_\_ in the park.  
a) running  
b) runeing  
c) runing  
d) running
4. lie → She is \_\_\_\_ on the bed.  
a) lyeing  
b) lieing  
c) liying  
d) lying
5. write → He is \_\_\_\_ a letter.  
a) writeing  
b) writeeing  
c) writting  
d) writing
6. swim → They are \_\_\_\_ in the pool.  
a) swimmming  
b) swimming  
c) swiming  
d) swimeing
7. die → The plant is \_\_\_\_.  
a) dieing  
b) dyeing  
c) diying  
d) dying
8. dance → We are \_\_\_\_ at the party.  
a) dancing  
b) danceing  
c) danceeing  
d) danccing
9. stop → The bus is \_\_\_\_ here.  
a) stoping  
b) stopeing  
c) stopping  
d) stopppping
10. tie → He is \_\_\_\_ his shoelaces.  
a) tieing  
b) tyeing  
c) tying  
d) tiying
11. play → The children are \_\_\_\_ outside.  
a) plaiing  
b) playying  
c) playing  
d) plaing

12. cut → She is \_\_\_\_ the paper.  
 a) cutting  
 b) cuteing  
 c) cuting  
 d) cuttting
13. come → He is \_\_\_\_ home now.  
 a) comming  
 b) comeing  
 c) comeeing  
 d) coming
14. get → I am \_\_\_\_ ready.  
 a) geteing  
 b) gettting  
 c) getting  
 d) geting
15. travel → They are \_\_\_\_ to Spain.  
 a) traveleing  
 b) travelling  
 c) travelling  
 d) travlling
16. live → We are \_\_\_\_ in London.  
 a) livving  
 b) liveing  
 c) living  
 d) liveeing
17. begin → The movie is \_\_\_\_ now.  
 a) beginnning  
 b) begineing  
 c) begining  
 d) beginning
18. study → She is \_\_\_\_ for her exam.  
 a) studying  
 b) studiing  
 c) studing  
 d) studyying
19. plan → They are \_\_\_\_ a trip.  
 a) plannning  
 b) planing  
 c) planning  
 d) planeing
20. open → He is \_\_\_\_ the door.  
 a) opennig  
 b) openeing  
 c) openning  
 d) opening



## Answers

1. d) sitting
2. b) making
3. a) running
4. d) lying
5. d) writing
6. b) swimming
7. d) dying
8. a) dancing
9. c) stopping
10. c) tying
11. c) playing
12. a) cutting
13. d) coming
14. c) getting
15. c) travelling
16. c) living
17. d) beginning
18. a) studying
19. c) planning
20. d) opening



# Explanations

## 1. “sitting” (d)

Double the final consonant when a verb ends in consonant-vowel-consonant (CVC) and is stressed: sit → sitting.

## 2. “making” (b)

Drop the silent -e before adding -ing: make → making.

## 3. “running” (a)

Double the final consonant (CVC pattern): run → running.

## 4. “lying” (d)

Change -ie to -y before adding -ing: lie → lying.

## 5. “writing” (d)

Drop the silent -e before adding -ing: write → writing.

## 6. “swimming” (b)

Double the final consonant (CVC pattern): swim → swimming.

## 7. “dying” (d)

Change -ie to -y before adding -ing: die → dying.

## 8. “dancing” (a)

Drop the silent -e before adding -ing: dance → dancing.

## 9. “stopping” (c)

Double the final consonant (CVC pattern): stop → stopping.

## 10. “tying” (c)

Change -ie to -y before adding -ing: tie → tying.

## 11. “playing” (c)

Just add -ing to verbs ending in -y: play → playing. (Don't change the -y)

## 12. “cutting” (a)

Double the final consonant (CVC pattern): cut → cutting.

## 13. “coming” (d)

Drop the silent -e before adding -ing: come → coming.

## 14. “getting” (c)

Double the final consonant (CVC pattern): get → getting.

## 15. “travelling” (c)

In British English, double the -l: travel → travelling. American English: traveling (also accepted in fill-blank mode).

## 16. “living” (c)

Drop the silent -e before adding -ing: live → living.

## 17. “beginning” (d)

Double the final consonant when the last syllable is stressed: begin → beginning.

**18. “studying” (a)**

Just add -ing to verbs ending in consonant + y: study → studying.

**19. “planning” (c)**

Double the final consonant (CVC pattern): plan → planning.

**20. “opening” (d)**

Don't double the consonant when the last syllable is not stressed: open → opening.