

Verbs with -ing: past tense

Remember

In the **past tense**, you use the -ing verb form with the 'helper' verbs 'was' or 'were'. These verbs show that an action was carrying on for some time.

It **was raining**. James **was reading**.
Katie and Beth **were drawing** pictures.



Try it

- 1 Decide if each sentence is in the **past tense** or the **present tense**. Write 'past tense' or 'present tense'.

He is going to the shops. _____

The stars were shining brightly. _____

The tap was dripping in the sink. _____

I am baking a cake for tea. _____

Omar and Jess are having lunch. _____

- 2 These sentences are in the present tense. Rewrite them in the **past tense**.

The man is pointing at me. _____

The eagles are flying. _____

I am looking for you. _____

The boys are playing. _____

Dad is talking to us. _____



Sentence practice

Write a sentence in the **past tense** to say what Red Riding Hood was doing in the woods.
