

Home Programming suggestions for: Present Progressive Verbs (**is + verb + ing**)

1. Photo albums – look at family photos together and talk about what the people are doing in the pictures (e.g., She **is smiling**, The dad **is carrying** his baby, The mom **is fixing** the pipes.)
2. Story time – when reading books together take turns describing the pictures using the present progressive (**is + verb + ing**) as much as you can to describe the pictures (e.g., Grandma **is riding** a bike.)
3. Simon Says – take turns giving each other silly instructions. When doing the actions tell each other what you are doing (e.g. Look mommy **is jumping**).
4. When going for walks, playing at the park or even going for a drive, talk about the people, animals and the things you see. For example, ‘The squirrel **is climbing**’, ‘The lady **is driving**’ or ‘The dog **is barking**’.
5. Playing with action figures or dolls. During pretend play opportunities label what the dolls/figures are doing. For example, ‘The doll **is eating**’, ‘Superman **is flying**’, ‘Spiderman **is jumping**’ etc.
6. Routines – while getting dressed, making dinner or bathing, make an effort to describe to your child what you are doing. For example, ‘Daddy **is washing**’, ‘Daddy **is pulling** up his socks’, ‘Mommy **is turning** on the water’ etc. Encourage your child to repeat you and/or talk about what they are doing too!

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Books to target **Present Progressive verbs**:

Alexander's Outing *by Pamela Allen*

Wombat Stew *by Marcia K. Vaughan*

Sharing a Shell *by Julia Donaldson*

The Very Busy Spider *by Eric Carle*

Alan's Big, Scary Teeth *by Jarvis*

Stick Man *by Julia Donaldson*

My Dog Bigsy *by Gail Jorgenson*

We're Going on a Bear Hunt *by Michael Rosen*

Bear on a Bike *by Stella Blackstone*

We Found a Hat *by Jon Klassen*

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you See? *by Bill Martin Jr.*

Puddles are Jumping *by Kylie Dunston*

Spot's Peekaboo: A lift-the flap book *by Eric Hill*

Too Loud Lily *by Sofie Laguna*

Hands Are Not for Hitting *by Martine Agassi*

All the Ways to be Smart *by Davina Bell*

The Sick Story *by Linda Hirsch*

Baby Gonzo's Unfinished Dream *by Joanne Barkan*

Love is.... *by Butcher*

Busy, Busy Mouse *by Virginia Kroll*

I Went Walking *by Sue Williams*

The Aunts go Marching *by Maurie Manning*

Jump, Dutton *by Steve Lavis*

Henny Penny *by Jane Wattenberg*