



## Present Progressive

The present progressive is formed by combining the verb "to be" with the present participle. (The present participle is merely the "-ing" form of a verb.)

- *I am studying. I am studying with María.*

In English, present progressive can be used to describe what is happening now, or what will happen in the future.

- *I am studying now. I am studying with María tonight.*

In Spanish, the present progressive is only used to describe an action that is in the process of taking place.

To form the present progressive in Spanish, combine a form of "estar" with the present participle.

- ***Yo estoy hablando.*** *I am speaking.*
- ***Juan está comiendo.*** *John is eating.*
- ***María está escribiendo una carta.*** *Mary is writing a letter.*

In order to form the present progressive, you must know how to conjugate the verb **estar**, and how to form the present participle. You already know how to conjugate the verb **estar**: *yo estoy, tú estás, él está, nosotros estamos, vosotros estáis, ellos están*

<p>To form the present participle of regular <u>-ar</u> verbs, add <u>-ando</u> to the stem of the verb.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <i>hablar: <b>hablando</b> (hablar - ar + ando)</i></li><li>▪ <i>trabajar: <b>trabajando</b> (trabajar - ar + ando)</i></li><li>▪ <i>estudiar: <b>estudiando</b> (estudiar - ar + ando)</i></li></ul>	<p>To form the present participle of regular <u>-er</u> and <u>-ir</u> verbs, add <u>-iendo</u> to the stem of the verb.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <i>comer: <b>comiendo</b> (comer - er + iendo)</i></li><li>▪ <i>hacer: <b>haciendo</b> (hacer - er + iendo)</i></li><li>▪ <i>vivir: <b>viviendo</b> (vivir - ir + iendo)</i></li></ul>
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