

PARTICIPIOS PRESENTES - PRESENT PARTICIPLES

This form of speech is also sometimes called the present progressive. It is used to emphasize that an action is currently in progress. Basically, it's the "ing" ending on verbs. Eventhough we use the "ing" ending in English to refer to everyday or future actions, we only use it in Spanish to talk about actions that are happening *right now*.

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To form these words, you will simply drop the original verb ending off, (just like we always do), and then add these endings:

FOR AR VERBS ADD:

ando

FOR ER AND IR VERBS ADD:

iendo

EXAMPLES:

Ahora estoy **hablando** español, pero también hablo francés.
Right now I'm speaking Spanish, but I also speak French.

Ellos están **comiendo** en la cafetería ahora.
They are eating in the cafeteria now.

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NOTES:

1. The present progressive usually uses the present tense of **estar** (see p. 20) and a present participle to show what is happening.

2. **IRREGULAR PRESENT PARTICIPLES:**

Verbs with two vowels next to each other near the ending, will change the i to y between vowels:

leer - **leyendo**

traer - **trayendo**

oír - **oyendo**

For more verbs that will do this, look on page R 28.

¿Qué estás **leyendo**?
What are you reading?

Están **construyendo** su propia casa.
They are building their own house.

3. IR verbs that have a stem change in the present tense, will also have a slight spelling change in the present participle. The stems for these verbs will be the same stems used for the irregular preterites on page **R 27**. Go to R 27 for lots more of these verbs.

EXAMPLES:

servir (i) - **sirviendo**

decir (i) - **diciendo**

pedir (i) - **pidiendo**

repetir (i) - **repitiendo**

sentir (ie) - **sintiendo**

seguir (i) - **siguiendo**

Están **pidiendo** que toque la banda.
They are asking the band to play.

¿Todavía está **durmiendo**?
Is he still sleeping?

4. Receiver pronouns (p. 67) can either precede the forms of **estar**, or follow the present participle and be attached right to it. These are small words like **lo, la, los, las, me, te, se, os, nos, le, and les**.

Están **sirviéndolo** ahora.
They are serving it now.

Ella **me** está **repitiendo** el número.
She is repeating the number to me.