

The Present Progressive Tense - 3.3

To describe an action in Spanish that is happening at this very moment, the present progressive tense is used. This tense is formed as follows:

Form of the verb Estar	+	Present Participle
estoy, estás, está, estamos		-ar verbs add ando
están		-er / -ir verbs add iendo

Yo estoy escuchando al Sr. Madan ahora.

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Form of Estar Present Participle

I am listening to Mr. Madan now.

- The present participle is formed by dropping the last two letters of the verb and adding **-ando** or **-iendo**.

hablar	hablando	tomar	tomando
comer	comiendo	beber	bebiendo
vivir	viviendo	escribir	escribiendo

- Verbs with stems ending in a vowel use **-yendo**.

leer	leyendo	creer	creyendo
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- Only the form of *estar* changes with different subjects. The present participle does not change.

Yo **estoy mirando**. Manuel **está mirando**.

- The verbs to come **venir** and to go **ir** are not usually used in this form.

- This verb tense means the same as the English **-ing** form. It is not used as often in Spanish.