

Present progressive

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Present progressive

- To say what is happening right now, use the **present progressive**.
- To form the **present progressive**, combine a present tense form of **estar** with the present participle.
- Form the present participle by replacing **-ar** with **-ando** and **-er** or **-ir** with **-iendo**.

cantar → cant**ando** Rosa **está cantando**.
Rosa is singing.

comer → com**iendo** **Estamos comiendo**.
We are eating.

Spelling changes in present participles

- When the stem of an **-er** or **-ir** verb ends in a vowel, form the present participle by changing the **i** of **-iendo** to **-y** (**-yendo**).

leer → leyendo ¿Estás leyendo? *Are you reading?*

Stem changes in present participles

- The participles of stem-changing **-ir** verbs like **pedir**, **dormir**, and **servir** change **o** → **u** and **e** → **i**.
- There are no stem changes for **-ar** and **-er** verbs.

dormir → durmiendo

servir → sirviendo

Verbs **ir** and **venir**

- The verbs **ir** and **venir** are not usually used in the present progressive.
- Use the simple present tense instead.

¿**Vienes** a la fiesta?

Are you coming to the party?

No, **voy** a la biblioteca.

No, I'm going to the library.

Direct object and reflexive pronouns

- **Direct object** and **reflexive pronouns** can go before the conjugated form of **estar** or can be attached to the end of the present participle.
- When you attach the direct object or reflexive pronoun to the end of the present participle, place an accent mark on the stressed vowel.

¿La tarea? **La** estoy haciendo. (Estoy haciéndola.)

¿Mis hijos? **Se** están bañando. (Están bañándose.)