

Present Progressive

Recall:

Verbs conjugated in the present tense can be translated several ways in English. For example:

hablo = I speak
I do speak
I'm speaking

Newer:

To specify that an action is right now actually in progress, you can use the **present progressive** form:

a form of estar (for who "is", "are".....) + the present participle ("...ing" form of the action verb)

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estoy	ando (ending for -ar verbs)
estás		
está	+iendo (ending for -er/--ir verbs)
estamos		
están		

Basic examples: I am studying [at this moment]
Are you listening?
We are losing.
They are leaving now.

Estoy estudiando.
¿Estás escuchando?
Estamos perdiendo.
Están saliendo ahora.

Object Pronouns:

Like with infinitives, pronouns used with the present progressive can go either in front of the first verb (estar) or attached to the end of the present participle. [Ex: *Estoy ayudándola* or *La estoy ayudando.*]

Exceptions:

There are some participles with spelling changes. See text page 171 [★] for this information. (You may write those in the space below, if helpful.)

Turn to the back for the activity to practice forming present progressive:

Write in Spanish:

1. John is speaking Spanish.
2. I am writing a letter.
3. The children are playing in the park.
4. We are eating sandwiches with friends.
5. He is sleeping now.
6. What are you reading?
7. They are serving lunch in the cafeteria.
8. I am bringing a gift to you.