

GUIDE TO PRESENT PROGRESSIVE IN SPANISH

CHARTS, EXAMPLES & PRACTICE

PRESENT TIMELINE



Present Progressive



FORMING THE PRESENT PROGRESSIVE IN SPANISH

EXAMPLE: COMER IN PRESENT PROGRESSIVE

Person	Present form of 'estar'	+	[verb in gerund]	Present Progressive
Yo	Estoy			Estoy comiendo
Tú	Estás			Estás comiendo
Él/Ella/Usted	Está			Está comiendo
Nosotros	Estamos	+	Comiendo	Estamos comiendo
Vosotros	Estáis			Estáis comiendo
Ellos/Ellas/Ustedes	Están			Están comiendo

Note: '-ando' and '-iendo' are the gerund endings for -AR and -ER/-IR verbs, respectively.

PRESENT VS PRESENT PROGRESSIVE IN SPANISH

PRESENT

Refers to current habits and facts.



Sonia y Betty saben bailar flamenco.
Sonia and Betty know how to dance flamenco.

PRESENT PROGRESSIVE

Refers to actions in progress.



Celia y Pepe están aprendiendo a bailar.
Celia and Pepe are learning to dance.

USES OF THE PRESENT PROGRESSIVE IN SPANISH

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USES:

- Actions being done at the moment of speaking.
- Actions that are **still in progress**.



Estoy trabajando en un hospital.
I'm working in a hospital.



Paco **está comiendo** ensalada.
Paco **is eating** salad.

KEY POINTS: PRESENT PROGRESSIVE IN SPANISH

- The Spanish present progressive refers to actions that:
 - Are taking place at the moment of speaking.
 - Are still current or in progress.
 - Estar (present) + gerund is the formula to build the present progressive tense.
 - 'Estar' delivers information about the subject while the gerund refers to the action.
- Spanish regular gerunds are formed with the following endings:
 - -ando for -AR verbs.
 - -iendo for -ER and -IR verbs.
- Irregular gerunds will also be irregular verbs in the present progressive.
- Reflexive and object pronouns can be placed before 'estar' or attached to the gerund when using the Spanish present progressive tense.

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