

SPANISH 101

PROGRESSIVE TENSE

USES, ENDINGS & EXAMPLES



CONJUGATING PROGRESSIVE TENSE IN SPANISH

ESTAR + PRESENT PARTICIPLE

Person	Forms of estar (present, past, future)	Gerund
Yo	Estoy	habl <u>ando</u> comi <u>endo</u>
Tú	Estabas	
Él/Ella/Usted	Estará	
Nosotros	Estuvimos	
Vosotros	Estaréis	
Ellos/Ellas/Ustedes	Estan	

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

TYPES OF PROGRESSIVE TENSES

PRESENT PROGRESSIVE

An action is happening now



Kim **está** durmiendo.
Kim **is** sleeping.

PAST PROGRESSIVE

Refer to ongoing past actions



Ayer **estuvo** lloviendo todo el día.
Yesterday it **was** raining all day.

FUTURE PROGRESSIVE

Conveys that an action will be happening

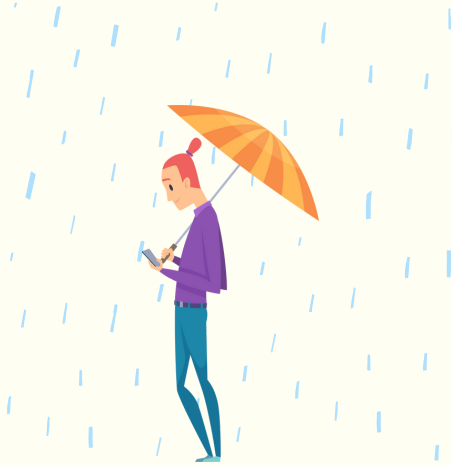


Seguro **estará** trabajando.
I'm sure she'll **be** working.

3 USES OF PAST PROGRESSIVE IN SPANISH

USE #1

Actions that were happening for a period of time



Ayer estuvo lloviendo todo el día.
Yesterday it was raining all day.

USE #2

Past actions occurring simultaneously



Ellos estaban vistiéndose mientras yo cocinaba.
They were getting dressed while I cooked.

USE #3

Past, in progress actions that were interrupted



Harry estaba leyendo cuando le hablé.
Harry was reading when I called him.

KEY POINTS: SPANISH PROGRESSIVE TENSE

- Progressive tenses in Spanish are used to talk about actions that are occurring over time.
- Progressive tenses are composed of two verbs:
 - The auxiliary Spanish verb (usually *estar*) conjugated to the Present, Past (preterite or imperfect), or Future.
 - A verb describing the primary action that someone or something is doing in gerund (present participle) form.
- *Estar* (or other auxiliary verb) is conjugated to indicate who (the subject) and when the action is, was or will be happening.
- The verb in gerund form expresses the primary action.
 - Gerund verbs are verbs which end with *-ing* in English. Their conjugation is fixed (does not change).
- The present progressive is most often used, followed by past and future progressive.
 - The conditional progressive is not as common.

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