



# PRESENT PROGRESSIVE (ESTAR + -ANDO)

Semillas: Elementary Spanish



# Present Progressive

- To talk about actions in progress, we use a form of the verb **ESTAR + gerund.**



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# Conjugations of ESTAR

# ESTAR

	Singular	Plural
1st person	(yo) <b>estoy</b>	(nosotros/as/es) <b>estamos</b>
2nd person	(tú) <b>estás</b>	(vosotros/as/es) <b>estáis</b>
3rd person	(él, ella, elle, Ud.) <b>está</b>	(ellos/as/es, Uds.) <b>están</b>

**Ojo:** Note the accents on the second- and third-person conjugations!

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# How to form GERUNDS



# What's a gerund?

- In English, gerunds always end in **-ING**: e.g. talking, eating, studying
- In Spanish, gerunds end in *-ando* or *-iendo*. For now, we are going to practice with **-AR** verbs, so we will only use the ***-ando*** form.





# How to form a gerund: -AR verbs

- Step 1: Take the verb: **HABLAR**
- Step 2: Cut off the **-AR**: **HABL**
- Step 3: Add **-ANDO**: **HABLANDO**
- It works this way for all **-AR** regular verbs!

tomar→

tomando

practicar→

practicando





# How to form present progressive

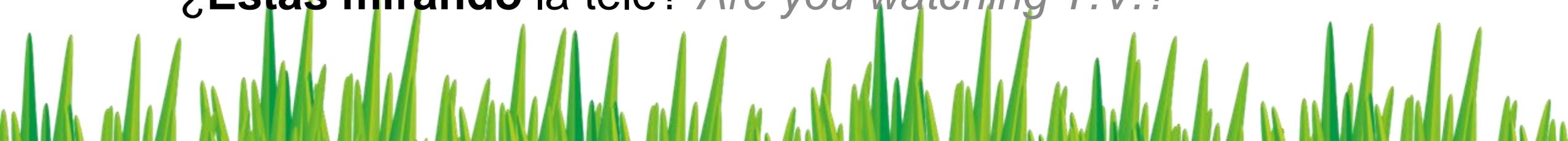
- Remember that the present progressive is a compound verb tense that consists of **two parts**:

**ESTAR + gerund**

La profesora **está hablando**. *The teacher is talking.*

Mis amigos y yo **estamos caminando en el parque**. *My friends and I are walking in the park.*

¿**Estás mirando** la tele? *Are you watching T.V.?*





# How to use present progressive

- We often use the gerund in English to talk about actions in the future.

*What are you **doing** later?  
I'm **studying** with my friends.*

- This does not work in Spanish. You only use the present progressive (estar + gerund) to talk about **actions that are happening at the moment of speaking** or to highlight a current process.

**Estoy estudiando** la gramática. *(Right now) I am studying grammar.*

