



EL PRESENTE PROGRESIVO (-ER & -IR)

Semillas: Elementary Spanish II



What are present progressive verbs?



Let's review! We use the **presente progresivo** to talk about an action that is in progress or happening right now.

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

We already learned how to use the present progressive with -AR verbs. To form the gerund, take off the -AR ending and add **-ando**.

Estamos repasando el presente progresivo.

We are reviewing the present progressive.



How to form the presente progresivo with -ER & -IR verbs



Paso 1. Use the appropriate form of **ESTAR**

Paso 2. Take off the **-ER** or **-IR** ending

Paso 3. Add **-iendo** to form the gerund.

HACER

estoy haciendo	estamos haciendo
estás haciendo	estáis haciendo
está haciendo	están haciendo

Some examples

Estamos compartiendo nuestros juguetes.

We are sharing our toys.



Estás abriendo los regalos.

You are opening the gifts.



Los niños están corriendo en el patio de recreo.

The children are running on the playground.



The irregular forms

Like many verbs in Spanish, there are some irregular forms or spelling changes in the present progressive gerunds.

	Verb	Gerund	Meaning
+Y {	construir	construyendo	<i>constructing</i>
	traer	trayendo	<i>bringing</i>
	ir	yendo	<i>going</i>
	leer	leyendo	<i>reading</i>
o to u {	dormir	durmiendo	<i>sleeping</i>
	decir	diciendo	<i>saying</i>
e to i {	pedir	pidiendo	<i>asking for</i>
	reír	riendo	<i>laughing</i>
	servir	sirviendo	<i>serving</i>
	venir	viniendo	<i>coming</i>

Some examples of irregulars

Mi hermano y yo **estamos construyendo** un castillo de arena.

My brother and I are building a sandcastle.

Mi amiga **está durmiendo** en clase.

My friend is sleeping in class.

