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Resumen gramatical 10-1 Present progressive

- The present progressive tense describes an action and underscores the notion that the action is in progress at the time a statement is being made.

¿Qué **estás haciendo** en este momento?
¿**Estás hablando** con amigos?

What are you doing at this moment?
Are you talking with friends?

- Form the present progressive with the conjugated form of *estar* in the present tense, followed by the present participle.

Form of *estar* + present participle

Estás	estudiando.
You're	studying.

- Phrases such as **ahora mismo** (right now) and **en este momento** (at this moment) sometimes occur with the present progressive, but the tense alone is enough to indicate that the timeframe being referred to is now.

¿Estás ocupado **en este momento**? *Are you busy at this moment?*

- To form the present participle, drop the **-ar**, **-er**, or **-ir** ending from the infinitive and add **-ando** for **-ar** verbs and **-iendo** for **-er** and **-ir** verbs.

preparar	prepar-	+	ando	=	prepar ando
defender	defend-	+	iendo	=	defendi endo
asistir	asist-	+	iendo	=	asisti endo

- When the stem of an **-er** or **-ir** verb ends in a vowel, change the **i** in the participle ending to a **y**.

caer	ca-	+	yendo	=	cay endo
leer	le-	+	yendo	=	ley endo

- To form the present participle of e-to-i and e-to-ie stem-changing **-IR** verbs, such as **decir** or **venir**, change the **e** to an **i**: **diciendo**, **viniendo**. For o-to-ue stem-changing **-IR** verbs, such as **dormir**, change the **o** to a **u** for the present participle: **durmiendo**.

Form of *estar* + present participle

e:i and e:ie stem-changing	e:i in present participle
decir	diciendo
venir	viniendo

o:ue stem-changing	o:u in present participle
dormir	durmiendo

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- To use a verb reflexively in the present progressive, place the reflexive pronoun before the conjugated form of **estar** or attach the pronoun to the end of the participle. In this case, make sure to add a written accent mark on the third-to-last syllable to keep the spoken emphasis.

Me estoy lavando las manos. *I'm washing my hands.*
Estoy lavándome las manos.

- To express negation, simply insert no before the verb **estar**.

No estás estudiando. *You're not studying*
No estamos trabajando. *We're not working.*

- ¡OJO!** The present progressive is used less often in Spanish than in English. Instead, the simple present is often the appropriate form to use when you would use the present progressive in English.

Simple Present	Present Progressive
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To talk about habitual actions or activities. La abogada defiende a muchos clientes. <i>The lawyer defends many clients.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To <i>emphasize</i> that an action or activity is in progress at the present moment. La abogada está leyendo el documento legal. <i>The lawyer is reading the legal document.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To talk about something happening in the near future. La abogada habla con su nuevo cliente esta tarde. <i>The lawyer is talking with her new client this afternoon.</i> 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To talk about an action that is ongoing without emphasizing that it is in progress right now. La abogada defiende a muchos clientes nuevos últimamente. <i>The lawyer is defending a lot of new clients lately.</i> 	