

Present progressive

In English The **present progressive** is used to refer to actions that are in progress at the present time. It is formed by combining the present tense of **to be** with the **present participle**, or **-ing** form of the verb.

My brothers **are working** at the restaurant.

The present progressive is also used to talk about future events in English.

Next year **I'm going** to Puerto Rico.

A Rewrite the following sentences in the **present progressive**.

1. My nieces sleep. My nieces are sleeping.
2. My dad watches television. _____
3. My brothers play cards. _____
4. I make dinner. _____
5. My mother helps me. _____
6. My grandfather reads. _____
7. My aunt walks the dog. _____
8. The children play games. _____

In Spanish The **present progressive** is also used to talk about actions that are in progress at the present time.

Mis hermanos **están trabajando** en el restaurante.

The present progressive is formed by combining the present tense of **estar** and the **present participle**, or the **-ando/-iendo** form of the verb.

Some Spanish present participles are irregular:

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| caer → cayendo | decir → diciendo | dormir → durmiendo |
| ir → yendo | leer → leyendo | mentir → mintiendo |
| morir → muriendo | pedir → pidiendo | poder → pudiendo |
| seguir → siguiendo | traer → trayendo | |

Andar and **seguir** can be used in place of **estar** to form the present progressive.

Mi nieto **anda gritando** todo el día.

My grandson goes around yelling all day.

Su cuñada **sigue hablando** de la boda.

His/Her sister-in-law keeps talking about the wedding.

B Rewrite the following sentences in the **present progressive**.

1. Mi hermano habla. Mi hermano está hablando.
2. Mi hermanastra escucha. _____

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- 3. La tía Ana prepara la comida. _____
- 4. Yo pruebo la sopa. _____
- 5. Luis pone la mesa. _____
- 6. Papá me pasa los platos. _____
- 7. Abuela descansa. _____
- 8. Mamá sirve pollo frito. _____

C Imagine you are at a family reunion. Use the verbs in the box to write six sentences telling what everyone is doing. Use the present progressive with **estar**, **andar**, or **seguir**.

contar (chistes)	comer	discutir	sacar (fotos)
bailar	hablar	preparar	jugar
servir	dormir		

D In English, we use the present progressive to say *I am going*, or *I am coming*, but in Spanish the simple present tense is used to express these ideas. With this in mind, how would you translate the following conversation?

- Are you coming with me to the family reunion?
- No, I'm going with Laura.
