

# HDHS #7: El Presente Progresivo

- The progressive is used to say what is happening right now. It's the "is/am/are verb-ing" tense.

Examples: I am walking.  
He is listening.  
We are reading.

- In Spanish, the Present Progressive is formed by using the present tense of the verb *estar* + *present participle*.

The forms of *estar* are:

yo	estoy
tú	estás
él, ella, Ud.	está
nosotros (as)	estamos
ellos, ellas, Uds.	están

- To form a Present Participle, drop the *-ar*, *-er*, *-ir* of the verb and add an ending.

Your endings are:

<i>-ar</i> → <i>-ando</i>	<i>-er, -ir</i> → <i>-iendo</i>
examples: <i>hablar</i> → <i>hablando</i>	<i>comer</i> → <i>comiendo</i>
	<i>vivir</i> → <i>viviendo</i>

- So here's how it comes together:

I am talking.	Yo estoy (I am) hablando (talking).
He is eating.	Él está comiendo.
We are living in Ohio.	Nosotros estamos viviendo en Ohio.

- There are several irregulars...

**IRREGULAR ALERT!!!**  
The verb *ir* = *yendo*

## The 3V Rule

When forming the Present Progressive, if the verb has three vowels (3V) in a row then *I* changes to *Y*.  
Example: leer → leiendo (3V Rule!!! *I* → *Y*) leyendo

## Stem Changers

Stem changing verbs that end in *-IR* will also have a stem change in the participle: **E → I** or **O → U**.  
Examples: servir → sirviendo      dormir → durmiendo