

## Did You Get It? Presentación de gramática

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### ¡AVANZA!

**Goal:** Learn how to form the present progressive tense.

## Present Progressive

- As in English, the present progressive tense in Spanish is used to talk about what is happening right now. Study the chart, paying attention to the boldfaced words.

<b>hablar</b>	Estoy <b>hablando</b> por teléfono.	<i>(I am talking on the telephone.)</i>
<b>beber</b>	¿Qué <b>estás bebiendo</b> ?	<i>(What are you drinking?)</i>
<b>compartir</b>	Ellos <b>están compartiendo</b> una pizza.	<i>(They are sharing a pizza.)</i>

**EXPLANATION:** Use the present tense of **estar** plus the present participle to form the present progressive tense. Form the present participle by dropping the ending from the infinitive and adding **-ando** to **-ar** verbs or **-iendo** to **-er** and **-ir** verbs.

- Study these sentences.

<b>le -er</b>	Ana <b>está leyendo</b> un libro.	<i>(Ana is reading a book.)</i>
<b>constru -ir</b>	Ellos <b>están construyendo</b> una casa.	<i>(They are building a house.)</i>

**EXPLANATION:** When the stem of an **-er** or **-ir** verb ends with a vowel, the **-iendo** ending becomes **-yendo**.

- Now read these sentences.

<b>decir</b>	Marco <b>está diciendo</b> la verdad.	<i>(Marco is telling the truth.)</i>
<b>dormir</b>	Lisa <b>está durmiendo</b> .	<i>(Lisa is sleeping.)</i>

**EXPLANATION:** Some **-ir** verbs change vowels in the stem of the present participle form.

- Finally, read these sentences.

Me estoy **peinando**.  
 Estoy **peinándome**.  
 (I am combing my hair.)

**EXPLANATION:** *Pronouns* can be placed *before* the conjugated form of **estar** or *attached* to the end of the *present participle*. When a pronoun is attached to the present participle, an *accent* is needed to keep the original stress.