

# Presentación de GRAMÁTICA

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**Goal:** Learn how to form the present progressive. Then talk about what is happening and what people are doing. *Actividades 14–17*

**English Grammar Connection:** The **present progressive tense** is used to say that something is happening now. In English, you make it by using a form of *to be* with a verb that ends in *-ing*, called a **present participle**.

They **are singing**. Ellos **están cantando**.

## Present Progressive

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Use the present tense of **estar** plus the **present participle** to form the **present progressive**.

**Here's how:** To make a **present participle**, drop the end of the infinitive and add **-ando** (**-ar** verbs) or **-iendo** (**-er/-ir** verbs).

becomes

comprar	comprando
comer	comiendo
escribir	escribiendo

Estoy **comprando** las toallas.  
*I am buying the towels.*

¿Qué **estás comiendo**?  
*What are you eating?*

When the stem of an **-er** or **-ir** verb ends in a vowel, change the **-iendo** to **-yendo**.

becomes

leer	leyendo
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Some **-ir** verbs change vowels in the stem of the present participle form.

**e** → **i**: decir becomes **diciendo**  
**o** → **u**: dormir becomes **durmiendo**

**Pronouns** can either be placed *before* the conjugated form of **estar** or *attached* to the end of the **present participle**. When you attach a **pronoun** to the present participle, you need to add an **accent** to the stressed vowel.

before attached

**Me** estoy arreglando. or Estoy arreglándome.  
*I am getting ready.* *I am getting ready.*

### Más práctica

Cuaderno pp. 79–81

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