

Present Progressive represents something that is happening at the moment. ie. I am swimming. He is sleeping. Below is how to form the Present Progressive:

Estar + Verb Stem + ANDO/IENDO

AR verbs:

Drop the verb ending and add "ANDO"
I am speaking - Estoy hablando
(hablar)

ER/IR verb:

Drop the ending and add "IENDO"
I am writing - Estoy escribiendo
(escribir)

OTHER RULES:

1. If a verb stem ends in **a vowel** drop the vowel and add a "y"
ie: creer - creyendo, leer - leyendo, ir - yendo
2. If a verb has an "**o**" in it, change the "o" to "u"

Let's Practice: Fill-in the blank with the appropriate present progressive verb form.

Estar + Verb stem+ ending. Make sure to check if the stem ends in a vowel or has an "o".



I am reading (leer) _____.

You are swimming. (nadar) _____.

He is eating (comer) _____.

She is playing (jugar) _____.

Tommy and I are speaking (hablar) _____.

Mom is sleeping (dormir) _____.

The girls are writing (escribir) _____.

Lisa and John are running (correr) _____.

Pedro is dying (morir) _____.

