

**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) \_\_\_\_\_.

