

Present Progressive Tense- ER and IR Verbs

The Present Progressive Tense is a compound tense. It needs two verbs the first verb will be a form of the verb “Estar”. It will mean “is, am or are”.

Estar = To be, is, am, are

Yo estoy = I am	Nosotros estamos = We are
Tú estás = you are	Nosotras estamos = We (feminine) are
Él está = he is	Vosotros estáis= You (plural Spain) are
Ella está = she is	Vosotras estáis = You (plu, Fem. Spain) are
Usted está = You (formal) are	Ellos están = They are
Está = (it) is	Ellas están = They (feminine) are
Juan está = name	Ustedes están = You (plural) are Two names = Juan y María están

The second word will be a Present Participle, which in English is a verb with an “ing” ending. We use the Present Progressive when we want to say that someone is in the process of doing something. With ER and IR Verbs we cross off the ER and IR and put in its place “iendo”.

Examples :

I am returning= Yo estoy volviendo

You are leaving= tú estás saliendo

He is writing= él está escribiendo

She is learning = ella está aprendiendo

You (formal) are translating = Usted está traduciendo

We are drinking=nosotros estamos bebiendo

They are eating = ellos están comiendo

You (plural) doing = Ustedes están haciendo

With only ER and IR Verbs, any time there would normally be three vowels in a row, we must change the middle vowel or “i” to a “y”.

Example: leer= **lei**endo = Change “i” to “y”= **ley**endo

traer = **tra**iendo = change “i” to “y” = **tray**endo

****Note stem changing verbs do not usually have a stem change in the Present Progressive tense. The only exceptions are “IR” stem-changing verbs. If the “e” changed in the present tense, it will change to an “i” as the present Participle. If it was an “o” it will change to a “u”.

Examples: Perder (ie)= perdiendo
Mostrar (ue) = mostrando

But Pedir (i) = Pidiendo

Dormir (ue) = Durmiendo

Decir (i) = Diciendo

Morir (ue) = Muriendo

Act. 1: Conjugate the following verbs in the Present Progressive Tense. Remember that you need two words!

1. Yo comer
2. Tú caer
3. Él beber
4. Nosotros leer
5. Ellos servir (i)
6. Yo escribir
7. Tú repetir (i)
8. Ella salir
9. Nosotras volver
10. Ellas dormir (ue)
11. Yo traer
12. Tú vivir
13. Usted comprender
14. Nosotros venir (i)
15. Ustedes repetir (i)
16. Yo preferir (ie)
17. Tú tener
18. (it) correr
19. Nosotras creer
20. Ellos mentir (ie)