

REPASO

The Present Progressive

The **present progressive** tense is only used for an action that is going on at the time of the sentence. The present progressive is like the **-ing** form (gerund) of a verb in English.

What are you doing?

I am studying.

To form the **present progressive tense** use:

present tense of estar + **present participle**

You already know the forms of **estar**. To form the **present participle**, drop the ending of the infinitive and add the appropriate ending.

-ar verbs estudi**ar** + **ando** → estudi**ando**

-er, ir verbs com**er** + **iendo** → com**iendo**

leer, oír, creer le**er** + **yendo** → le**yendo**

—Buenas tardes, señora. ¿José Antonio **está comiendo**?

Good afternoon, Ma'am. Is José Antonio eating (now)?

—No, ya comió. **Está estudiando**.

No, he already ate. He's studying (at this moment).

When you have **object pronouns** or **reflexive pronouns** with the present progressive, you can either:

- place the **pronouns** before **estar**

Los estudiantes **se están adaptando** a la vida universitaria.

The students are adapting to university life.

- or attach them to the **present participle**.

Los estudiantes **están adaptándose** a la vida universitaria.

The students are adapting to university life.

When you attach the **pronouns**, you add an **accent mark** to the **a** or **e** before **-ndo**.