

Spanish

Talking about activities right now (Part 2/2)
Present continuous with -er & -ir verbs
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Lee las frases en voz alta.

1. El **v**erde es un color **b**astante **b**onito.

(Green is quite a pretty colour.)

2. Es **v**erdad, ¡mi **a**buela no es **j**oven!

(It's true, my grandma isn't young!.)

3. Cele**b**ramos el aniv**v**ersario en **B**arcelona.

(We are celebrating the anniversary in Barcelona.)

4. ¡**V**ivir en **V**alencia en **v**erano **d**ebe ser excelente!

(Living in Valencia in summer must be excellent.)

5. ¡**V**er gatos **v**erdes en **B**enidorm no es normal!

(Seeing green cats in Benidorm is not normal!)





Present continuous vs *querer* + infinitive

You know that modal verbs such as ***deber***, ***poder*** and ***querer*** can be followed by an **infinitive**.

Estar is not a modal verb. It can be followed by the **present participle** but not the infinitive.

***dirigir* is the infinitive.**

Compare:

Quieren dirigir. =

They want to **direct**.

Están dirigiendo. =

They are **directing**.

***dirigiendo* is the present participle.**

Note: the present participle means ***-ing***, the infinitive means ***(to) do***.



Summary

1. To say what you are doing right now in Spanish, use the present continuous.
2. Use the present of estar and a present participle.
3. *Estamos* means we are but *están* means they are.
4. We are translating this scene into Russian =
Estamos traduciendo esta escena al ruso.
5. The actors are arguing in French =
Los actores están discutiendo en francés.

