

Spanish

Describing what is happening now (Part 2/2)

Present continuous with –ar verbs

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¡Trabalenguas! ¡Dime!

Una araña está soñando con una
cabaña que tiene una telaraña.

[A spider is dreaming about a cabin with a spiderweb.]

Este año nos enseña español una señora
que tiene su cumpleaños en enero.

[This year a lady is teaching us Spanish who has her birthday in January.]





Recap of demonstratives

How to say **this** and **these**

To mean **this** with a singular masculine noun, use **este**.

To mean **this** with a singular feminine noun, use **esta**.

To mean **these** with masculine plural nouns, use **estos**.

To mean **these** with feminine plural nouns, use **estas**.

Ejemplos

this dress = **este** vestido

this cap = **esta** gorra

these shoes = **estos** zapatos

these boots = **estas** botas



¡Ojo!

esta (this, fem.sing.) and **está** (s/he, it) sound different!

So do **estas** (these, fem.pl) and **estás** (you(sing.) are).

Listen and read the examples below:

Compare:

Esta gorra es amarilla.

This cap is yellow.

Está llevando una gorra amarilla.

S/he is wearing a yellow cap.

Estas personas gritan mucho.

These people shout a lot.

Estás gritando mucho a las personas. **You are** shouting a lot at the people.



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. *Esta* means this but *está* means s/he, it is.
4. *Estas* means these but *estás* means you (sing) are.
5. You are dancing very well in these boots = Estás bailando muy bien en estas botas.

