

Spanish

Describing what is happening now (Part 1/2)

Present continuous with -ar verbs

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bajar	to lower, go down
grabar	to record, recording
gritar	to shout, shouting
mostrar	to show, showing
saltar	to jump, jumping
tocar	to touch, touching
la cabeza	head
la pierna	leg

la mano	hand
el brazo	arm
la derecha	right
la izquierda	left
alguien	someone, somebody
ahora mismo	right now





Recap of singular forms of 'estar'

Used to express state

'Estar' means to be and is used to express a temporary state .

To say 'I am', we say estoy

To say 'you are', we say estás .

To say 's/he or it is', we say está .

Ejemplos

I am tired = **estoy** cansado / cansada

You are excited = **estás** emocionado / emocionada

S/he is angry = **está** enojado / enojada





Introduction to the present continuous tense

To say what someone is doing

You know that the present tense in Spanish means 'I do' or 'I'm doing'.

grabo could mean either I record or I'm recording.

tocas could mean either you touch or you are touching.

Use the **present continuous** for an ongoing action that is happening *right now*.

Use the correct person of the present tense of **estar** and a present participle.

Make the present participle of -ar verbs by removing '-ar' and adding '**-ando**'.

Ejemplos: **estoy** mostr**ando** = I am showing

estás salt**ando** = You are jumping

está baj**ando** = S/he, it is going down

The present participle on its own means '...ing'.

Ejemplos:

guardando = **keeping**

encontrando = **finding**

saltando = **jumping**





Deber + infinitive vs estar + present participle

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.

grabar is the infinitive.

Compare:

Debo grabar = I must **record**

Estoy grabando = I am **recording**

grabando is the present participle.

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



Summary

1. The words *ahora mismo* mean right now in Spanish.
2. To say what you are doing right now in Spanish, use the present continuous.
3. Use the present of estar and a present participle.
4. To say 'I am shouting' in Spanish, say 'Estoy gritando'
5. Translate: 'S/he is recording a video' Está grabando un vídeo.

