



# SPANISH EXTRA CONTENT

Present Continuous



## Spanish verbs that can be combined with the present participle with progressive meaning:

Some verbs, other than *estar* (to be), can be used with the present participle with meanings that are very similar to the present continuous. These verbs include:

### **andar** (to walk/to get around)

A sentence like *Ando pensando qué hacer*, formed with *andar* + the present participle, roughly means the same thing as its counterpart with *estar* (to be):

*Estoy pensando qué hacer.*

I am thinking of what to do.

### **ir** (to go)

Sentences with *ir* + the present participle generally mean that the action described is steadily progressing:

*Voy estudiando todos los días hasta la fecha del examen.*

I am steadily studying everyday until the exam date.

### **venir** (to come)

Actions with *venir* + the present participle often refer to actions that are perceived to have been going on for too long:

*Vengo pensando qué hacer desde la semana pasada.*

I've been thinking about what to do since last week.

### **seguir** and **continuar** (to go on)

These two verbs are interchangeable and they refer to actions going on for some time, but without the frustration aspect that *venir* conveys:

*Sigo viviendo en Lima desde el mes pasado.*

I've been living in Lima since last month.

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