



# ITALIAN TABLE

Other Progressive Tenses



<b>Passato Progressivo [Past Continuous]</b> <b>stare (imperfetto) + gerundio</b>		
<b>Stare (imperfetto)</b>	<b>Example</b>	<b>English</b>
stavo	<b>Stavo mangiando</b> una mela.	I was eating an apple.
stavi	<b>Stavi bevendo</b> un caffè.	You were drinking coffee.
stava	<b>Stava dormendo</b> bene.	S/he was sleeping well.
stavamo	<b>Stavamo arrivando</b> a casa.	We were arriving home.
stavate	<b>Stavate correndo</b> forte!	You were running fast!
stavano	<b>Stavano finendo</b> i compiti.	They were finishing their homework.

## IMPORTANT

The *passato progressivo* [past continuous] and the *imperfetto* [imperfect] are interchangeable when used for a past event that has no clear start/end time. In this case, you can use either *imperfetto* or *passato progressivo* with exactly the same meaning:

*Mentre Carlo leggeva/stava leggendo, Sara è entrata in camera.* [While Carlo was reading, Sara entered the room.]

However, when the *imperfetto* is used as a sequence of events that start and end repeatedly (habitual actions), and there is not such a single moment of focus on the process expressed by the verb in *imperfetto*, you **cannot** replace the *imperfetto* with the *passato progressivo*:

*Quando andavo al mare, mi piaceva nuotare.* [When I used to go to the beach, I liked to swim.]



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<b>Futuro Progressivo [Future Continuous]</b> <b>stare (futuro) + gerundio</b>		
<b>Stare (imperfetto)</b>	<b>Example</b>	<b>English</b>
starò	<b>Starò mangiando</b> una mela.	I might/will be eating an apple.
starai	<b>Starai bevendo</b> un caffè.	You might/will be drinking coffee.
starà	<b>Starà dormendo</b> bene.	S/he might/will be sleeping well.
staremo	<b>Staremo arrivando</b> a casa.	We might/will be arriving home.
starete	<b>Starete correndo</b> forte!	You might/will be running fast!
staranno	<b>Staranno finendo</b> i compiti.	They might/will be finishing their homework.

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*Irregular Verbs*



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Italian Irregular Gerund		
<i>fare</i> [to do]	<b>facendo</b>	doing
<i>bere</i> [to drink]	<b>bevendo</b>	drinking
<i>essere</i> [to be]	<b>essendo</b>	being
<i>dire</i> [to say]	<b>dicendo</b>	saying

Verbs ending in -RRE		
<i>porre</i> [to put]	<b>ponendo</b>	putting
<i>condurre</i> [to conduct]	<b>conducendo</b>	conducting
<i>introdurre</i> [to introduce]	<b>introducendo</b>	introducing
<i>tradurre</i> [to translate]	<b>traducendo</b>	translating

Verbs like "TRARRE"		
<i>trarre</i> [to pull]	<b>traendo</b>	pulling
<i>contrarre</i> [to incur, to contract (of muscles)]	<b>contraendo</b>	incurring, contracting
<i>sottrarre</i> [to subtract, to steal]	<b>sottraendo</b>	subtracting, stealing
<i>estrarre</i> [to extract]	<b>estraendo</b>	extracting

