

## La gramática – Patricia Va a California

### **p. 12-C (paquete):**

Using –ing to express an action that is going on RIGHT NOW, THIS VERY MOMENT!

Rules to remember:

1. For right now in your knowledge of Spanish, the only first verb which you can use to express this idea of –ing is: **ESTAR**
2. If the second verb is an –AR verb, take off the –AR, and add **-ANDO** (IE: trabajando)
3. If the second verb is an –ER or –IR verb, take off the –ER or –IR, and add **-IENDO**.
4. The gerund –ANDO or –IENDO ending verb CANNOT be alone. It MUST be used with a form of ESTAR.
5. The gerund –ANDO or –IENDO does NOT change according to the subject. Every gerund (yo, tú, él, ella, Ud, etc.) will have the same gerund (-ando, -iendo) form.
6. To know which person the subject is in, it's necessary to put ESTAR in the correct form.

Ejemplo: **ESTAR + -AR verb:**

1. I am swimming **RIGHT THIS VERY MOMENT**. = Estoy nadando
2. You are swimming **RIGHT THIS VERY MOMENT** = Estás nadando
3. S/he is swimming **RIGHT THIS VERY MOMENT** = El/ella está nadando.
4. You (formal) are swimming **RIGHT THIS VERY MOMENT** = Usted está nadando.
5. We are swimming **RIGHT THIS VERY MOMENT** = Nosotros estamos nadando.
6. They are swimming **RIGHT THIS VERY MOMENT** = Ellos/ellas están nadando.
7. You guys are swimming **RIGHT THIS VERY MOMENT**. = Uds. están nadando.

Ejemplo: **ESTAR + -ER/-IR verb:**

1. I am eating and writing **RIGHT THIS VERY MOMENT**=  
(Yo)estoy comiendo y escribiendo.
2. You are eating and writing **RIGHT THIS VERY MOMENT**=  
(Tú) estás comiendo y escribiendo.
3. He/she/You formal is/are eating and writing **RIGHT THIS VERY MOMENT**=  
(El/ella/Usted) está comiendo y escribiendo.
4. We are eating and writing **RIGHT THIS VERY MOMENT**=  
(Nosotros) estamos comiendo y escribiendo.
5. They are eating and writing **RIGHT THIS VERY MOMENT**=  
(Ellos/ellas) están comiendo y escribiendo.
6. You all They are eating and writing **RIGHT THIS VERY MOMENT**=  
(Uds.) están comiendo y escribiendo.

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### **p. 20-C (paquete):**

To express the future about what you're GOING to do, you use the verb IR + A(to go) and another infinitive (unconjugated verb).

- le: 1. They are going to study. = Ellos van a estudiar.  
2. We are going to eat. = Nosotros vamos a comer.  
3. I am going to work. = Voy a trabajar.  
4. You are going to dance. = Tú vas a bailar.

Notice that IR (voy, vas, va, vamos, van) is changed but you DO NOT touch the second verb. Also, notice the –a after ir.