



# 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.