



# SPANISH TABLE

Present Participles



## How is the present participle formed?

### Regular verbs

<b>-ar verbs</b> <i>pensar</i> [to think]	→	<b>Drop -ar</b> <i>pens-</i>	→	<b>Add ending -ando</b> <i>pensando</i> [thinking]
<b>-er verbs</b> <i>comer</i> [to eat]	→	<b>Drop -er</b> <i>com-</i>	→	<b>Add ending -iendo</b> <i>comiendo</i> [eating]
<b>-ir verbs</b> <i>vivir</i> [to live]	→	<b>Drop -ir</b> <i>viv-</i>	→	<b>Add ending -iendo</b> <i>viviendo</i> [living]



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### Stem-changing verbs

<b>-ir verbs</b> <i>decir</i> [to tell]*	→	<b>Drop -ir</b> <i>dec-</i>	→	<b>e → i</b> <i>dic-</i>	→	<b>Add ending -iendo</b> <i>diciendo</i> [telling]
<b>-er verbs</b> <i>poder</i> [to be able to]	→	<b>Drop -er</b> <i>pod-</i>	→	<b>o → u</b> <i>pu-</i>	→	<b>Add ending -iendo</b> <i>puendo</i> [being able to]
<b>-ir verbs</b> <i>dormir</i> [to sleep]**	→	<b>Drop -ir</b> <i>dorm-</i>	→	<b>o → u</b> <i>durm-</i>	→	<b>Add ending -iendo</b> <i>durmiendo</i> [sleeping]

### More examples:

\* *competir* → *compitiendo* [to compete, competing], *elegir* → *eligiendo* [to choose, choosing], *corregir* → *corrigiendo* [to correct, correcting], *pedir* → *pidiendo* [to ask for, asking for], *repetir* → *repitiendo* [to repeat, repeating], *seguir* → *siguiendo* [to continue, continuing], *sentir* → *sintiendo* [to feel, feeling], *venir* → *viniendo* [to come, coming], *vestirse* → *vistiéndose* [to get dressed, getting dressed], etc.

\*\* *morir* → *muriendo* [to die, dying]





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### Reflexive verbs

<b>-ar verbs + se</b> <i> ducharse</i> [to shower]	→	<b>Drop -arse</b> <i> duch-</i>	→	<b>Add ending -ándose</b> <i> duchándose</i> [showering]
<b>-er verbs + se</b> <i> ponerse</i> [to put on]	→	<b>Drop -erse</b> <i> pon-</i>	→	<b>Add ending -iéndose</b> <i> poniéndose</i> [putting on]
<b>-ir verbs + se</b> <i> dirigirse</i> [to head]	→	<b>Drop -irse</b> <i> dirig-</i>	→	<b>Add ending -iéndose</b> <i> dirigiéndose</i> [heading]

### Important:

Reflexive pronouns can either be placed before the conjugated form of *estar* or attached to the present participle. When the present participle is preceded by the reflexive pronoun, it does not need the written accent mark:

*Juan está duchándose.* = *Juan se está duchando.*

[Juan is taking a shower.]



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### Irregular verbs

Verb	Present participle
<i>ir</i> [to go]	<i>yendo</i> [going]
<i>freír</i> [to fry]	<i>friendo</i> [frying]
<i>reír</i> [to laugh]	<i>riendo</i> [laughing]

### Important:

When the stem of an *-er* or *-ir* verb ends in a vowel, the ending *-iendo* changes to *-yendo*.

For example:

*oír* [to hear] → *oyendo* [hearing]

*leer* [to read] → *leyendo* [reading]

*concluir* [to conclude] → *concluyendo* [concluding]

*caer* [to fall] → *cayendo* [falling]