

## GERUNDS AND THE PRESENT CONTINUOUS TENSE

### Clase número diez 11/100 😊

The gerund is words that end in -ing in English. In Spanish, -ar verb gerunds end with -ando.

- Hablando = Speaking
- Escuchando = Listening
- Estudiando = Studying
- Prestando atención = Paying attention

For -er and -ir verbs the gerunds end with -iendo.

- Haciendo = Doing
- Saliendo = Going out
- Aprendiendo = Learning

To say what you are doing **right now** we use a gerund with the verb *estar*, just like in English.

- I **am** working
- You **are** eating
- He **is** drinking it

Sentences like this are called Present Progressive. In English, it is used for what you are doing right now, or for plans in the near future.

1. Right now I am working.
2. On Saturday I am having a party.

In Spanish, the parallel structure is used for the right now sentences, but **not for the future plans sentences.**

## Estar

Yo estoy = I am
Tú estás = You are
Él/ ella está = He/ she is
Usted está = You are
Nosotros estamos = We are
Vosotros estáis = You are
Ellos/ ellas están = They are
Ustedes están = You are

Right now = Ahora mismo

We are talking Spanish

Estamos hablando español

We are studying Spanish

Estamos estudiando español

Are you paying attention?

¿Estás prestando atención?

I am listening

Estoy escuchando

We are talking in Spanish

Estamos hablando en español

¿Qué? = What?

What are you doing right now?

¿Qué estás haciendo ahora mismo?

¿Qué haces? = What are you doing? Or  
What do you do?

Just now = Justo ahora

From school = Del colegio

We are leaving school just now

Estamos saliendo del colegio justo  
ahora

### **Seguir = To follow/ To continue**

- Yo sigo
- Tú sigues

This verb is used with a gerund to say  
what you keep on doing.

- Keep on listening  
Sigue escuchando
- Keep talking Spanish  
Sigue hablando español
- Keep studying Spanish  
Sigue estudiando español

If you want to learn more, keep studying  
Spanish.

Si quieres aprender más, sigue  
estudiando español.

Say “Hola” in the comments on the  
video, and I will see you again soon.

Ruth 😊