

## **Past Progressive**

### 1. Use

- Was or were + “-ing” Example: I was walking. *Yo estaba caminando.*
- Very commonly used in Mexico and in Tex-Mex.
- Similar to the imperfect conjugation, but specifically used like the example above. (See Imperfect p. 1)

### 2. Form

- Formed like the present progressive except you use the imperfect form of *estar*.
- Imperfect tense of *estar* and the present participle (-ing).

Example: Margarita was helping.

- Choose the right form of *estar* that matches the subject. *Margarita estaba.*

Estar	
Estaba	Estábamos
Estabas	(Estabais)
Estaba	Estaban

- Choose the present participle that goes with the verb.

-Ar verbs. Drop the -ar and add *-ando*.

Example: *ayudar*    *ayudando*.

-Er & -ir verbs. Drop the ending and add *iendo*.

Example: *ayudar*    *comiendo*  
*vivir*    *viviendo*

Note: There is no ending change for masculine, feminine, singular or plural.

### 1. Stem changing verbs

- Applies only to **-ir verbs**.
- If the verb is a **-ir** stem changing verb make the following changes in the present participle.
  - Verbs with “o-ue” stem change use a “u”.  
 Example: *dormir*    *durmiendo*. The children were sleeping. *Los niños estaban durmiendo*.
  - Verbs with “e-i” and “e-ie” stem change use a “i”.  
 Example: *hervir*    *hirviendo*. The water was boiling. *El agua estaba hirviendo*.

*pedir*    *pidiendo*. I was ordering the shrimp. *Yo estaba pidiendo los camarones.*

Note: This is the same “sandal-shaped” change as “-ir” verbs take in the preterit.

- Verbs with “-eer” like *creer* & *leer* add a “y” before the endo.”  
Example: *leer*    *leyendo*. We were reading *Don Quijote* in class.  
*Estábamos leyendo Don Quijote en clase.*

Note: This is the same change as for these verbs in the preterit.

- Verbs with “-aer” like *caer* add a “y” before the endo.”  
Example: *caer*    *cayendo*. The leaves were falling in Vermont. *Las hojas estaban cayendo en Vermont.*

Note: This is the same change as for these verbs in the preterit.

- Verbs with “-uir” like *construir* add a “y” before the endo.”  
Example: *construir*    *construyendo*. I was constructing a new skyscraper downtown. *Estaba construyendo un rascacielos en el centro.*

Note: This is the same change as for these verbs in the preterit.

## 2. Irregular verbs

- Ir    yendo
- Ser    siendo
- Ver    viendo
- Reír    riendo
- Poder    pudiendo
- Decir    diciendo
- Venir    viniendo