

## Class 8 – The verb *estar* with conditions, emotions, present progressive

Similar to how “*ser*” is used with descriptive adjectives involving inherent characteristics, the verb ***estar*** is used to talk about our short-term conditions and emotions as well as conditions that are a result of a process. Ex. “*Estoy aburrido/a* – I am bored”, “*Las ventanas están abiertas*” (The windows are open). Note that just like the adjectives that are used with ***ser***, these verbs must also agree in gender and number. Here are some common adjectives used with the verb ***estar***:

Abierta/o - open	Ordenada/o - organized
Cerrada/o - closed	Enamorada/o (de) – in love (with)
Alegre - happy	Enojada/o - angry
Feliz - happy	Limpia/o - clean
Triste - sad	Sucia/o - dirty
Contenta/o - content	Lista/o - ready
Avergonzada/o - ashamed	Muerta/o - dead
Cansada/o - tired	Nerviosa/o - nervous
Casada/o - married	Ocupada/o - busy
(in)comoda/o – (un)comfortable	Preocupada/o - worried
Desordenada/o - unorganized	Segura/o – sure - safe

We also use *estar* as a helping verb to talk about things we’re doing right now. We match the correct conjugation of *estar* with the “present progressive” (the -ing construction in English).

The present progressive is formed by adding -ando to the root of -ar verbs and -iendo to the root of -er and -ir verbs. Ex.

Hablar – *estoy hablando* (I am speaking)

Cantar – *estás cantando* (You are singing)

Comer – *estamos comiendo* ( we are eating)

Escribir – *están escribiendo* (You all – They are writing)

Hacer – *estás haciendo* (You are doing-making)

There are only 3 present participles that are irregular:

Ir – *yendo*

Poder – *pudiendo*

Venir – *viniendo*

-ir stem changing verbs change in a slightly different way in the present participle:  
e:ie – i:e – preferir – prefiriendo  
e:i – e:i – seguir – siguiendo  
u:ue – o:u - durmiendo

When you come to practice, be prepared to answer the question, “¿Qué estás haciendo a las 3 de la tarde los miércoles?” (What are you doing at 3 in the afternoon on Wednesdays?)

Don't forget to include and conjugate the helping verb “estar” with these constructions.