

The present continuous

In English: I am playing

In Spanish you use the appropriate part of the verb *estar*.

		ESTAR
I	yo	estoy
you (sing.)*	tú	estás
he / she / it	él / ella	está
we	nosotros/as	estamos
you (pl.)**	vosotros/as	estáis
they	ellos / ellas	están

* (sing.) = singular

** (pl.) = plural

and the present participle:

<u>-AR verbs</u>
CANTAR > cant > cant <u>ando</u>
<u>-ER and -IR verbs</u>
BEBER > beb > bebi <u>endo</u>
VIVIR > viv > vivi <u>endo</u>

Examples:

-AR verbs:

Tomar = to take

we are taking:

estamos tomando

-ER verbs:

Esconder = to hide

you (sing.) are hiding:

estás escondiendo

-IR verbs:

Escribir = to write

they are writing:

están escribiendo