

Imperfect

interrupted past action

estar	
estaba	estábamos
estabas	
estaba	estaban

pres. part.
-ando
-iendo

Sometimes an action in the past is in the process of occurring when it is interrupted by another action: I **was playing** the guitar when he entered.

Yo estaba tocando la guitarra cuando él entró.

Generally, the action in progress is portrayed by the Progressive Imperfect (in bold) and the interrupting action is portrayed by the Preterite. The Progressive Imperfect is formed by combining

the Imperfect form of *estar* with the present participle (-ing form). The -ing is formed by dropping the -ar, -er, or -ir from the infinitive and adding **-ando** to -ar and **-iendo** to -er -ir verbs.

formation of the present participle			
tomar	tom	+ ando	= tomando
comer	com	+ iendo	= comiendo
salir	sal	+ iendo	= saliendo



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1. I was playing the guitar when she entered. Yo estaba tocando la guitarra cuando ella entró.
2. I was driving in Mexico when I saw the ruins. _____ las ruínas

3. I was living in Spain when I met Maria. _____

4. I was walking home when the storm began. _____ la tormenta

5. He was running when he fell down. _____ se cayó
6. She was writing a letter when the phone rang. _____
_____ sonó
7. She found the keys when she was washing the pants. _____

8. They (m) were leaving when we arrived. _____

9. She was finishing her work when they (m) gave her more. _____

10. They (f) were buying their tickets when the bus left. _____

11. You (tú) saw my dog when you were walking in the park. _____

12. We weren't doing anything when they (m) visited us. _____

13. We were listening to the radio when we heard the announcement. _____ el anuncio

14. He was thinking about Maria when she called. _____

15. You all were sleeping when we passed by your (su) house. _____



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Irregular forms of the gerund (-ing)

<i>dormir</i> =	<i>durmiendo</i>	<i>seguir</i> =	<i>siguiendo</i>
<i>decir</i> =	<i>diciendo</i>	<i>caer</i> =	<i>cayendo</i>
<i>pedir</i> =	<i>pidiendo</i>	<i>leer</i> =	<i>leyendo</i>
<i>repetir</i> =	<i>repitiendo</i>	<i>oir</i> =	<i>oyendo</i>
<i>conseguir</i> =	<i>consiguiendo</i>	<i>ir</i> =	<i>yendo</i>

The -ing form is called the **present participle** when combined with *estar*: *Estoy estudiando*.

It is called the **gerund** when it stands alone: *Estudiando*.

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| 1. Yo estaba tocando la guitarra cuando ella entró. | 1. I was playing the guitar when she entered. |
| 2. Yo estaba manejando en México cuando vi las ruinas. | 2. I was driving in Mexico when I saw the ruins. |
| 3. Yo estaba viviendo en España cuando conocí a María. | 3. I was living in Spain when I met Maria. |
| 4. Yo estaba caminando a casa cuando la tormenta empezó. | 4. I was walking home when the storm began. |
| 5. Él estaba corriendo cuando se cayó. | 5. He was running when he fell down. |
| 6. Ella estaba escribiendo una carta cuando el teléfono sonó. | 6. She was writing a letter when the phone rang. |
| 7. Ella encontró las llaves cuando estaba lavando los pantalones. | 7. She found the keys when she was washing the pants. |
| 8. Ellos estaban saliendo cuando llegamos. | 8. They (<i>m</i>) were leaving when we arrived. |
| 9. Ella estaba terminando su trabajo cuando ellos le dieron más. | 9. She was finishing her work when they (<i>m</i>) gave her more. |
| 10. Ellas estaban comprando sus boletos cuando el autobús salió. | 10. They (<i>f</i>) were buying their tickets when the bus left. |
| 11. Viste a mi perro cuando estabas caminando en el parque. | 11. You (<i>tú</i>) saw my dog when you were walking in the park. |
| 12. No estábamos haciendo nada cuando ellos nos visitaron. | 12. We weren't doing anything when they (<i>m</i>) visited us. |
| 13. Estábamos escuchando el radio cuando oímos el anuncio. | 13. We were listening to the radio when we heard the announcement. |
| 14. Él estaba pensando en María cuando ella llamó. | 14. He was thinking about Maria when she called. |
| 15. Uds. estaban durmiendo cuando pasamos por su casa. | 15. You all were sleeping when we passed by your house. |