**Present Progressive Tense – used to express an action that is presently going on**

Formed by conjugating Estar in the present tense and then adding the present participle (formed by dropping the –ar and adding –ando or dropping the –er, -ir and adding –iendo.

Leer and Traer have irregular present participles: leyendo and trayendo

-------if you didn’t do this spelling change, then you would have 3 vowels in a row and that is not wanted

Estar (present tense) (drop ending and add appropriate ending)

Estoy

Estás -ando

Está + -iendo

Estamos

Están

Ahora estoy esperando el avión. – Now I am waiting for the airplane.

Ella está mirando su tarjeta de embarque. – She is looking at her boarding pass.