Compare & Contrast:

- The use of the present progressive is much more restricted in Spanish than in English.

1. In Spanish, the present progressive is mainly used to emphasize that an action is in progress at the time of speaking.

   Maru está escuchando música latina ahora mismo.
   Maru is listening to Latin music right now.

   Felipe y su amigo todavía están jugando al fútbol.
   Felipe and his friend are still playing soccer.

2. In English, the present progressive is often used to talk about situation and actions that occur over an extended period of time or in the future. In Spanish, the simple present tense is often used instead.

   Xavier estudia computación este semestre.
   Xavier is studying computer science this semester.

   Marissa sale mañana para los Estados Unidos.
   Marissa is leaving tomorrow for the United States.