

V~(으)면서, N(이)면서

For talking about simultaneous actions

저는 운동하면서 음악을 들어요.

I listen to music while I work out.

This grammar form can be attached to action verbs and nouns. It is used to talk about two actions occurring at the same time. In English it is often translated to "during" or "while."

ACTION VERBS

If the verb ends in a consonant, attach ~으면서

읽다	→	읽으면서	(while reading)
먹다	→	먹으면서	(while eating)
㉠ 듣다	→	들으면서	(while listening)

If the verb ends in a vowel, or ㄹ, attach ~면서

기다리다	→	기다리면서	(while waiting)
가르치다	→	가르치면서	(while teaching)
타다	→	타면서	(while riding)
㉡ 살다	→	살면서	(while living)

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| > | 기다리면서 음악을 들어요. | While I wait, I listen to music. |
| > | 지하철을 타면서 이메일을 확인해요. | While I ride the subway, I check my emails. |
| > | 먹으면서 넷플릭스를 봐요. | While I eat, I watch Netflix. |
| > | 한국에 살면서 한국어를 공부해요. | I study Korean while living in Korea. |
| > | 가르치면서 마스크를 써요. | I wear a mask while I teach. |

Note: ~(으)면서 can only be used when the same subject is performing both actions. If subjects in both clauses are different, you have to use the "~는 동안" grammar form instead (referenced below).