

Ser

Ser is used to refer to the essential characteristics of a person or thing.

- **color**
- **size**
- **material**
- **occupation**
- **nationality**
- **identity**

Ser is also used to indicate:

- **time**
- **dates**
- **ownership**

Examples	
Soy mujer.	I am a woman.
Es un elefante.	It's an elephant.
El no es mi hermano.	He isn't my brother.
¿Quién es usted?	Who are you?
Mario es alto y gordo.	Mario is tall and fat.
Las casas son modernas y limpias.	The houses are modern and clean.
Ellas no son bajas, ni altas.	They are neither short nor tall.
María es maravillosa.	Maria is wonderful.

Estar

Estar is used to indicate:

- **location**
- **position**

Estar also expresses changing conditions such as:

- **health**
- **mood**
- **emotion**

Estar is used for unexpected changes in the condition of a person, place or thing.

Examples	
No quiero estar aquí.	I don't want to be here.
Tu abrigo esta en aquella silla.	Your overcoat is on that chair.
¿Donde esta mi sombrero?	Where is my hat?
Paris esta en Francia.	Paris is in France.
Dile que no estoy.	Tell him I'm not here.
Mis padres no están.	My parent's aren't here.
Los niños están enfermos.	The children are sick.
Estoy preocupado.	I'm worried.
La sopa esta fría.	The soup is cold.
Estamos cansados.	We are tired.
La princesa esta triste.	The princess is sad.
El cuarto esta sucio.	The room is dirty.
Estas muy guapo esta noche.	You're looking very handsome this evening.
Estamos muy valientes.	We're very brave.
El día esta precioso.	It's a lovely day.