

VERBS

Ser or Estar

Let's review the differences between "ser" (to be) and "estar" (to be).

Ser is used...

- To describe a permanent quality
- To tell the time or date
- To tell place of origin
- To tell nationality
- To show possession

Estar is used...

- To describe location
- To describe a temporary condition
- To describe a temporary feeling

Practice using "ser" or "estar" in the following sentences.

Ben está cansado.
Ben is tired.

Ellos están amables.
They are nice.

Tú eres interesante.
You are interesting.

Ella es mi madre.
She is my mom.

Sara está feliz.
Sara is happy.

Mi abuela está en la recámara.
My grandmother is in the bedroom.

Los lápices son los míos.
The pencils are mine.

Maria y Juan están en el estadio.
Maria and Juan are in the stadium.

Nosotros estamos mojados.
We are wet.

Bela es caniñosa.
Bela is sweet.

Susana es alta.
Susana is tall.

Tomás está nadando.
Thomas is swimming.

Yo soy de Chile.
I am from Chile.

Tú estás en la biblioteca.
You are in the library.