

VERB

Ser-->To Be

The verb "ser" (*seh-r*) means "to be." It is an irregular verb, which means that it does not follow the normal conjugation rules. It is used to describe a *permanent* state of being.

Ser is used in the following ways:

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| ▪ To describe a permanent quality | Soy una chica. | I am a girl. |
| ▪ To tell the time or date | Son las dos. | It is two o'clock. |
| ▪ To tell place of origin | Soy de California. | I am from California. |
| ▪ To tell nationality | Soy Filipino. | I am Filipino. |
| ▪ To show possession | La pluma es de Juan. | The pen is John's. |

yo	I	I am	yo soy
tú	you	you are	tú eres
él/ella/Ud.	he/she/sir	he is	él es
nosotros	we	we are	nosotros somos
vosotros	you plural (Spain)	you are	vosotros sois
ellos/ellas/Uds.	they/you plural (Latin America)	they/you all are	ellos son

Lets practice conjugating the **verb "to be" (ser)** using the following adjectives.

Hint: when using "ser" it is common to drop the pronoun: yo, tú, él, ella, etc.

big: grande (GRAHN-deh)	kind: amable (ah-MAH-ble)	tall: alta (all-tah)	brave: valiente (vah-LEE-EHN-teh)	clean: limpio (LEEM-pee-oh)	strong: fuerte (fu-EHR-teh)
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yo	Soy grande.	Soy amable.	
tú			
él/ella/Ud.			
nos			
vos			
ellos/ellas/Uds.			

yo			
tú			
él/ella/Ud.			
nos			
vos			
ellos/ellas/Uds.			