

Ser vs. Estar

Explanation: Verb “to be”

	Ser	Estar
Yo	Soy	Estoy
Tú	Eres	Estás
Él/ella/usted	Es	Está
Nosotros	Somos	Estamos
Vosotros	Sois	Estáis
Ellos/ellas/ustedes	Son	Están

Ser (DOCTOR) – used to talk about permanent or lasting attributes.

Description: names, physical descriptions, nationalities, religion

Occupation: indefinite articles (ex. Un, una, unos, unas)

- =/ used when talking about occupations with ser

Characteristic: personality characteristics/descriptions (ex. Inteligente, atrevida)

Time: days, date, year, time (ex. ahora, hoy, mañana, ayer)

Origin: the place a person is from/material something is made of (ex. Soy de HK. Este chocolate es de México.)

Relationship: family ties, friendship, romantic relationships (ex. mother, ex-boyfriend, boss)

Religión: Soy jedi.

Shape: Es cuadrada (square).

Size: Es de piel (leather).

Poseción: Es tuyo (yours). Es de Juan.

Estar (PLACE) – temporary states and locations

Position: physical position and posture (ex. seated, lying down)

Location: where it is permanently, temporarily, conceptually (ex. where bathroom is)

- Exception: location of event or party = uses ser

Actions: ongoing actions, followed by present/past participle (ex. washing, reading, dead)

- Death in Spanish is seen as an ongoing action, not permanent state

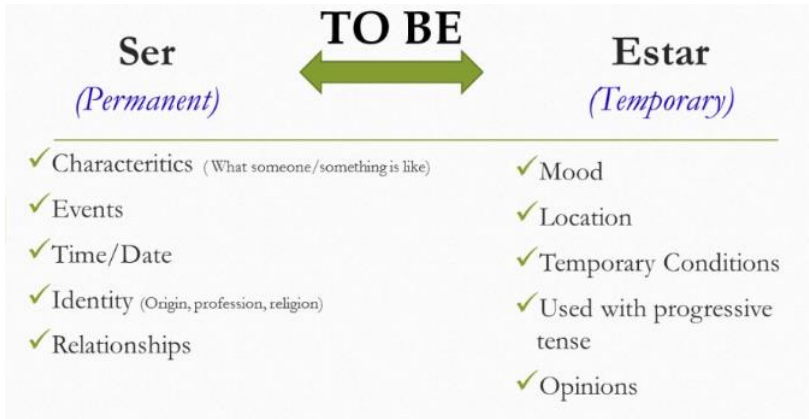
Conditions: physical and mental conditions (ex. tired, sick, crazy = vary)

Emotions: sad, happy

Examples:

- Soy estudiante de ciencias (science). Estamos cansados.
- Soy maestra (teacher).
- ¿Dónde está? Está en el parque.

Ser: List of Characteristics			
Alto	Tall, high	Jóvenes	Young
Atrevido	Daring	Morena	Dark skin/hair
Artística	Artistic	Simpática	Nice
Bajo/corto	Short	Serios	Serious
Bajas (bajar)	To go down	Tacaño	Stingy
Bonita	Pretty	Típico	Typical
Delgado	Thin, slender	Trabajadores	hard-working
Feo	Ugly	Largo	Long
Famoso	Famous	Ordenados	Organized
Fuerte	Stong	Perozosos	Lazy
Gracioso	Silly	Blancas	White
Grande	Grand	Rubia	Blonde
Guapo	Handsome	Rizado	Curly
Gordo	Thick, fat	Pelirrojas	Red headed
Impaciente	Impatient	Inteligente	Smart



Para vs. Por

Explanation:

Por: indicates the space that is travelled through to get from one place to another	Para: indicates the end objective that something is being directed towards
Imprecise location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motion and general location - Around, through, along, by 	Purpose or reason: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vamos a Madrid para ver a Les Luthiers. - Las toallas sirven para secarse.
In space: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Me he dado una volta por el Retiro. (Exploring el Retiro or the area near el Retiro.) - La panadería está por aquí. (Somewhere in or near this place.) 	Recipient or destined audience: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No es una película para niños. - ¿Para quién es este pastel?
In time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Por la mañana/tarde/noche, por mayo, por vacaciones, por Semana Santa, etc. - Vendremos por Navidad. (The days of Christmas itself or around that time.) 	Towards a destination (toward, in the direction of): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vamos para casa.
Cause (passive, is/was done by someone): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nos fuimos de la playa por el viento. - ¿Y por qué has invitado a Lidia? - Muchas gracias por el regalo. 	Time period: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - La publicación es para otoño.
Distribution: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - He repartido dos globos por niño. 	
Means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hemos hablado por teléfono. - Le ha enviado las fotos por e-mail. - Me he enterado por mi hermano. 	
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Exchange (unit of measure, per, by): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Te cambio a tu novio por el mío. - Lo compramos solo por 20 euros. 	

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Destination	Motion/general location Around, through, along, by	Toward, in the direction of
Cause/Goal	Reason or cause of action Because of, on account of, on behalf of	Purpose or goal In order to, for, used for
	Passive voice: is or was done by someone or something	
	Object of search: for, in search of Ex. Fueron a la tienda por milk.	
Time	Duration of an action: for, during, in	Deadline or specific time: by, for
Recipient		Recipient: for
Comparison		Comparison: for, considering

