

To Be

SER

yo	nosotros/nosotras
SOY	SOMOS
tú	vosotros/vosotras
ERES	SOIS
él, ella, Ud.	ellos, ellas, Uds.
ES	SON

used for characteristics
(what someone/something is like)
used for telling time & date
mostly permanent descriptions
used to tell origin (where someone's from)

Think DOCTOR (Description, Origin, Characteristic,
Time, Occupation, Relationship)

ESTAR

yo	nosotros/nosotras
ESTOY	ESTAMOS
tú	vosotros/vosotras
ESTÁS	ESTÁIS
él, ella, Ud.	ellos, ellas, Uds.
ESTÁ	ESTÁN

used for location
(where someone/something is "at")
used for feelings
mostly temporary conditions
used with progressive tenses (participles)

Think ELF (Estar for Location & Feelings)
"How you feel and where you are, always
use the verb ESTAR."

Web sites for practice:

<http://www.quia.com/jq/99065.html>

<http://www.quia.com/cz/74346.html>

<http://www.quia.com/cm/103600.html>