

# To Be

## SER

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

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
<b>ESTOY</b>	<b>ESTAMOS</b>
tú	vosotros/vosotras
<b>ESTÁS</b>	<b>ESTÁIS</b>
él, ella, Ud.	ellos, ellas, Uds.
<b>ESTÁ</b>	<b>ESTÁN</b>

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>