

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>