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Ser vs Estar

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The verb to be, in Spanish is two verbs with different conjugations and uses.

Conjugation

Ser vs estar		
Ser	To be	Estar
Yo soy	I am	Yo estoy
Tú eres	You are	Tú estás
Él/ella es	He/she is	Él/ella está
Nosotros somos	We are	Nosotros estamos
Ustedes son	You are	Ustedes están
Ellos son	They are	Ellos están

Ser vs estar	
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D escription John is tall Juan es alto	P osition The girl is sitting La niña está sentada
O ccupation / Profession Mary is a doctor Maria es doctora	L ocalization The Louvre museum is in France El museo de Louvre está en Francia
C haracteristic The children are friendly Los niños son amigables	A ction (present progressive) I am studying Spanish Yo estoy estudiando español
T ime and date My birthday is on January 5 Mi cumpleaños es el 5 de enero	C ondition My mom is sick Mi mamá está enferma
O rigin They are from Japan Ellos son de Japón	E motion I am happy Yo estoy feliz
R elationship He is my boyfriend Él es mi novio	

Uses

Let's practice!

Write in the gaps the verb *ser* or *estar*. Pay attention to the person: *María es*, *ellos están*, etc.

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Recommendation: Try to answer without looking at the answer sheet. Once you have answered, check your answers against the answer sheet

1. Luis y María _____ de Brasil
2. Mi maestra _____ amigable
3. Mis padres _____ felices porque viajarán a Canadá
4. El cumpleaños de mi mejor amigo _____ el 20 de Julio
5. Mi perro _____ enfermo
6. Mi papá _____ abogado
7. Mi mamá _____ viendo la televisión
8. (Yo) _____ acostado en el sofá
9. La estatua de la Libertad _____ en Nueva York
10. Yo _____ alta
11. Ellos _____ mis primos

Answers

1. Luis y María son de Brasil
Luis and Mary are from Brazil (origin)
2. Mi maestra es amigable
My teacher is friendly (characteristic)
3. Mis padres están felices porque viajarán a Canadá
My parents are happy because they will travel to Canada (emotion)
4. El cumpleaños de mi mejor amigo es el 20 de Julio
My best friend's birthday is on July 20 (date)
5. Mi perro está enfermo
My dog is sick (condition)
6. Mi papá es abogado
My dad is a lawyer (profession)

7. Mi mamá está viendo la televisión
My mom is watching television (action, present progressive)
8. (Yo) estoy acostado en el sofá
I am laying down in the sofa (position)
9. La estatua de la Libertad está en Nueva York
The statue Liberty is in New Your city (location)
10. Yo soy alta
I am tall (description)
11. Ellos son mis primos
They are my cousins (relationship)