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Apuntes de Estar y Ser

El Verbo - Ser:

The verb SER means “to be”.

It is used for things that are considered “essential qualities.” In general, describing someone’s or something’s looks or personality.

Formas (Forms):

Yo	Nosotros
Tú	Vosotros
Él/Ella/Usted	Ellos/Ellas/Ustedes

You can remember the uses of SER with the acronym “DOOMPIT”

Usos (Uses):

1. Descripción - Description

- _____
- _____
- _____

2. Origen

- _____
- _____

3. Ocupación - Occupation

- _____
- _____

4. Material – What things are made of

- _____
- _____

5. Posesión – Possession – Belonging to someone

- _____
- _____

6. Identificación – Identification - Nationality, identifying people/things, affiliation

- _____
- _____
- _____

7. Time - La Hora

- _____
- _____

El Verbo - Estar:

The verb ESTAR also means “to be”.
However, it is used for different reasons in Spanish than the verb “ser”.

Formas (Forms):

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Usos (Uses):

You can remember the 3 main uses of ESTAR by the letters “TLC”

1. Temporary - Temporal

- _____
“The girl is beautiful today in the red shirt” – This implies that she is particularly beautiful today – that it is a temporary condition caused by the shirt.

2. Ubicación – Location “To Be Located”

- _____
- _____
- _____

3. Condición – Condition (health, happiness, feelings, etc.) “To Feel”

- _____
- _____
- _____

The main difference:

Use ser for description of looks and personality.

Use estar for condition or location. “How you feel and where you are; that is when you use estar.”