

Unidad 1

Los pronombres personales de sujeto y el verbo SER

Subject Pronouns & The verb SER

Pronombres personales de sujeto

These are the subject pronouns. You often do NOT include the subject pronoun in Spanish.

Subject Pronouns	Singular	Plural
First Person	Yo (I)	Nosotros (we) Nosotras (we)
Second Person	Tú (you familiar)	Vosotros (you - Spain) Vosotras (you - Spain)
Third Person	Ud./Él/Ella (You formal/He/She)	Uds./Ellos/Ellas (You plural/They)

Formal vs. Informal

- ✦ Use the **formal** (Usted/Ud.):
 - With an older person
 - Someone you do not know well
 - Someone you need to show respect to.
- ✦ Use **formal plural** (ustedes/Uds.):
 - When talking to more than one person – whether you know them or not.
 - Understood in every country.

Formal vs. Informal

- ✦ Use the **informal** (tú):
 - With a younger person
 - Someone you know well
 - Family, friends, etc.
- ✦ Use **informal plural** (Vosotros):
 - In Spain only
 - Talking to a whole group you know or that is younger than you.

El verbo SER

SER – To Be:

	Singular		Plural
Yo	soy (I am)	Nosotros Nosotras	somos (We are)
Tú	eres (You are)	Vosotros Vosotras	sois (You all are -Spain)
Ud./Él/ Ella	es (You are/He/ She is)	Uds./Ellos/ Ellas	son (You all/They are)

Los usos de SER

Main uses of SER:

1. Describing people and things – **physical characteristics & personal traits.**
 - Ella es alta.
 - El parque es grande.
 - El chico es simpático.
2. Saying **where you are from.**
 - Ellos son de Cuba.
3. Giving the **date, day or time.**
 - Es lunes. Es el 8 de febrero. Son las dos y diez.

Ways to Remember SER

1. Acronym: DOCTOR

- **D**escription (*Ella es alta.*)
- **O**ccupation (*Ella es profesora.*)
- **C**haracteristics/Personality Traits (*Es serio.*)
- **T**ime/Date (*Hoy es el 21 de enero.*)
- **O**rigin (*Él es de México.*)
- **R**elationship (*Es mi amigo.*)