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Capítulo 5 – Ser vs Estar

Ser vs Estar - Overview:

- Ser and Estar mean “to be” in English.
- But, there are _____ between the uses of the two verbs.
- They are not interchangeable!

Ser – Conjugations + Uses:

Ser – To be:

Singular		Plural	
Yo	_____ I am	Nosotros/Nosotras	_____ somos We are
Tú	_____ You are	Vosotros/Vosotras	_____ sois You all are
Ud./Él/Ella	_____ es You are, He/she is	Uds./Ellos/Ellas	_____ You all are, They are

1. Description of physical or personality traits

- Ser is used to express an inherent trait or characteristic.
- Description:
 - Los estudiantes **son** _____.
 - El chico **es** alto y serio.
 - El _____ **es** grande.

2. To indicate origin:

- To say where someone or something is from originally.
 - Soy de Barcelona.
 - _____ de Cuba.

3. To give time and dates:

- Hoy **es** el 23 de _____. Es martes.
- **Son** las once y media de la _____.

Estar – Conjugations & Uses

Estar – To be:

Singular		Plural	
Yo	_____ I am	Nosotros/Nosotras	_____ estamos We are
Tú	_____ You are	Vosotros/Vosotras	_____ estáis You all are
Ud./Él/Ella	_____ está You are, He/she is	Uds./Ellos/Ellas	_____ You all are, They are

1. To indicate location

- ESTAR is used to express where someone/something is located at the moment.
- Translate ESTAR as “to be located”
 - Barcelona **está** en _____.
 - El _____ **está** dentro del cuarto.
 - **Estoy** en la _____.

2. To describe conditions/feelings:

- Estar is used to express a condition, feeling or temporary state.
- Translate estar as “to feel” or “to look”
 - ¿Cómo _____? **Estoy** bien.
 - **Estamos** contentos. *We are/feel happy.*
 - **Estás** enfermos. *You are/feel sick.*

Summary & Tricks to Remember

ESTAR:

- Estar is best translated as:
 - “To look”
 - “To feel”
 - “To be located”
- How you feel and where you are, that is when you use Estar.
- _____ is used to describe people or things. _____ is used for location or feeling.

Prueba de práctica:

1. Yo _____ baja y atlética. (Description)
2. La sala _____ cerca de la cocina. (Location)
3. Tú _____ de California. (Origin)
4. Los estudiantes _____ en la cafetería. (Location)
5. ¿Cómo estás? _____ bien. (Feeling)