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Objetivos: Understand the difference
between 'ser' and 'estar'

Ser v. Estar

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Ser and **estar** both mean 'to be'.

Person	Ser	Estar
I	soy	estoy
You (s)	eres	estás
He/She/It	es	está
We	somos	estamos
You (Pl)	sois	estáis
They	son	están

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Look at the following examples:

Soy inglesa, pero estoy en Irlanda.

Estoy feliz porque el hotel es grande y tiene piscina.

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'Ser' is used for:

Nationality	Es Escocesa
Occupation	Son médicos
Colour	Es verde
Size	Es muy grande
Character	Es muy amable
Possession	Es la casa de Juanes
Time	Son las nueve

'Estar' is used for:

Location/position	Está en Inglaterra
Temporary states - mood, health	Está muy alegre

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2. I am very sad today.
3. The jeans are blue.
4. He is not well, he has the flu.
5. The book is very old.
6. The England team are in Baden Baden.
7. Victoria Beckham is very thin.
8. We are in Ibiza at the beach.
9. Are you Spanish?
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Now, translate the sentences into Spanish.

1. The car is in the street.
2. I am very sad today. **triste = sad**
3. The jeans are blue. **vaqueros = jeans**
4. He is not well, he has the flu. **bien = well**
5. The book is very old.
6. The England team are in Baden Baden. **el equipo de = the team of..**
7. Victoria Beckham is very thin. **thin = delgada**
8. We are in Ibiza at the beach.
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10. We are very happy today. **feliz = happy**

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Decide whether the following sentences would need 'ser' or 'estar'.

1. The car is in the street. El coche está en la calle.
2. I am very sad today. Estoy muy triste hoy.
3. The jeans are blue. Los vaqueros son azules.
4. He is not well, he has the flu. No está bien, tiene gripe.
5. The book is very old. El libro es muy antiguo.
6. The England team are in Baden Baden. El equipo de Inglaterra está en..
7. Victoria Beckham is very thin. V.B. es muy delgada.
8. We are in Ibiza at the beach. Estamos en Ibiza en la playa.
9. Are you Spanish? Eres español.
10. We are very happy today. Estamos muy felices hoy.