**Ser y estar**

***ser*** ***estar***

Yo \_\_\_\_\_ francés \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ en París.

¿De dónde \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? ¿\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ de vacaciones?

Elena \_\_\_\_\_ ingeniera. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ en el laboratorio.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ estudiantes responsables. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ listos para el examen.

Los autobuses \_\_\_\_\_ grandes. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ llenos de turistas.

Although **ser** and **estar** mean \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, they have very specific uses.

**Ser** tells *who* or *what* the subject is. It is used to indicate:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Ella \_\_\_\_ peruana. \_\_\_\_ de Lima.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ abogada.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ rubia. \_\_\_\_\_\_ joven.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ una persona simpatica.

**Ser** is also used to indicate *possession,* *time* and *date*.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ¿De quién \_\_\_ el libro? \_\_\_\_\_ de Julia.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ la una. Hoy \_\_\_\_ el cinco de mayo.

Estar tells *how* the subject is or *feels.*

It is used to indicate:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ enfermo. No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ bien.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ preocupado por su salud.

Estar is also used to indicate location. It tells where the subject is.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ El hospital \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ en la Calle Colón.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Felipe \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ en el hospital.

Some adjectives may change meaning or connotation according to whether they are used with **ser** or **estar**.

1. **ser** = *inherent characteristic or norm* ; **estar** = *characteristic subject to change*

Los tomates **son** rojos \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Los tomates **están** verdes. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. **ser** = *permanent trait* ; **estar** = *temporary condition*

malo Paco **es** malo. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Felipe **está** malo. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

listo Lucía **es** lista.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Adela **está** lista.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

aburrido ¡**Eres** aburrido! \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Estoy** aburrido.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. **ser** = *objective reality* ; **estar** = *appearance*

Marta **es** joven. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Su abuela **está** joven. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_