

Ser & Estar

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

'Ser' means to *permanently* be (i.e. physical descriptions, professions, personality etc.)

'Estar' means to *temporarily* be (i.e. mood, position, state, location etc.)

Ex 1. Match the conjugations to the right subject. Can you work it out?

<u>SER</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>ESTAR</u>
es	I	está
son	you	estoy
sois	he/she	estamos
somos	we	estáis
soy	yous	están
eres	they	estás

Ex 2. Conjugate!

1. Yo (estar)
2. Nosotros (ser)
3. Tú (estar)
4. Tú y Juan (ser)
5. Marta y Carla (estar)
6. Carlos (ser)

Ex 3. Some adjectives change meaning depending on whether they are used with SER or ESTAR. Can you work out which would be which?

1. Yo _____ aburrido = I am boring
2. Yo _____ aburrido = I am bored
3. Él _____ rico = He is rich
4. El bocadillo _____ rico = The sandwich is tasty
5. Los perros _____ cansados = The dogs are tired
6. El deporte _____ cansado = Sport is tiring
7. Juan _____ malo = Juan is bad
8. Juan _____ malo = Juan is ill

Tener & Ir

Subject	TENER = to have	IR = to go
yo		
tú		
él / ella		
nosotros		
vosotros		
ellos / ellas		

Ex 1. Match up the subjects with their correct translation.

1. yo	a) yous
2. tú	b) he/she/it
3. él / ella	c) we
4. nosotros	d) they
5. vosotros	e) you
6. ellos / ellas	f) I

Ex 3. Conjugate and translate!

- Yo (ir)
- Ellos (tener)
- Tú (ir)
- Vosotros (tener)
- Nosotros (ir)
- Ellos (tener)

Ex 5. Translate!

- I have
- The dog has
- The dogs go
- Leo and Luke have
- You and Carla have
- Martín and I go

Ex 2. Which subject's line would you look at to find the conjugation for these people?

e.g. Juan = *he*

- Melissa & Carmen
- You & Megan
- Carlotta & I
- The dogs
- The table

Ex 4. Conjugate these verbs!

e.g. The dog goes = *el perro va*

- Carmen has (tener)
- Leo and Luke go (ir)
- The dogs have (tener)
- The cat has (tener)
- You and Martín go (ir)

Now turn over for some SER and ESTAR practice...!