

SER	ESTAR
yo soy	yo estoy
tú eres	tú estás
él, ella, usted es	él, ella, usted está
nosotros somos	nosotros estamos
ellos, ellas, ustedes son	ellos, ellas, ustedes están

SER

1. permanent, essential characteristics
2. where an event is taking place
3. time – hour, day, date
4. place of origin
5. occupation, profession
6. nationality
7. religious, political affiliation
8. what something is made of
9. possession
10. relationship of one person to another

ESTAR

1. temporary characteristics (conditions)
2. location (geographic or physical)
3. the progressive tense (ing verbs)
4. passive voice
5. certain idioms about condition