

SER	ESTAR
Permanent Condition	Temporary Condition
Ser is used to express a trait or a characteristic.	Estar is used to express a temporary state or condition like emotions or health conditions.
Ser is used to express where someone or something is from.	Estar is used to express where someone or something is located.

SER	
The following are the forms of the verb ser:	
Yo <u>soy</u> (I am)	Nosotros <u>somos</u> (We are)
Tú <u>eres</u> (You are)	
Él (He is)	Ellos (They are) masc.
Ella <u>es</u> (She is)	Ellas <u>son</u> (They are) fem.
Usted (You are) Polite form	Ustedes (You all are)
USES OF THE VERB 'SER' Use the verb 'ser' when you are talking about the following: Description: Yo soy alto. (<i>I am tall.</i>); Ella es inteligente. (<i>She is intelligent.</i>) Origin: Yo soy de los Estados Unidos. (<i>I am from the United States.</i>) Nationality: Ellos son americanos. (<i>They are Americans.</i>) Time: Es la una. (<i>It is 1:00</i>); Son las nueve. (<i>It is 9:00</i>) Date: Es el cuatro de julio. (<i>It is July 4.</i>) Occupation: Tú eres profesor. (<i>You are a teacher</i>)	

ESTAR	
The following are the forms of the verb estar:	
Yo <u>estoy</u> (I am)	Nosotros <u>estamos</u> (We are)
Tú <u>estás</u> (You are)	
Él (He is)	Ellos (They are)
Ella <u>está</u> (She is)	Ellas <u>están</u> (They are)
Usted (You are) Polite form	Ustedes (You all are)
USES OF THE VERB 'ESTAR' Use the verb 'estar' when you are talking about the following: Health: Yo estoy bien. (<i>I am well.</i>); Ella está mal. (<i>She is not well.</i>) Emotion: Yo estoy feliz. (<i>I am happy.</i>); Él está triste. (<i>He is sad.</i>) Location: Ellos están en la cafetería. (<i>They are in the cafeteria.</i>) Progressive Tense: Está nevando. (<i>It is snowing.</i>); Está lloviendo. (<i>It is raining.</i>)	