

Ser and Estar

“to be”

Estar .. Conditions

The verb *estar* means that something is temporary. Therefore, conditions can fall under *estar* because they can be changed and are not permanent.

Example of a condition: An emotion or temporary physical state.

Ser .. Characteristics

Ser is the opposite of estar. Although they both mean “to be” Ser is used when something is permanent. Therefore, characteristics go under ser because they are things that can not be changed.

Example of Characteristics : Adjectives of a persons personality traits.

Sentences

Characteristic Sentences -

- 1) Ellos son deportistas.
- 2) Nosotros somos jóvenes



Condition Sentences-

- 1) Ella está cansada.
- 2) Los estudiantes están confundidos



2) Ser.. Origin

The origin of a noun is where that thing came from. This is permanent , therefore origin goes under ser because this is something that can not be changed.

Estar..Location

The location of a noun is most likely never irreversible. Since location can be changed it falls under estar which means that it can be altered.

Sentences

Origin Sentences-

- 1) Mi hermana es de Puerto Rico.
- 2) Nosotros somos de Bolivia.



Location Sentences-

- 1) Estoy en la biblioteca.
- 2) Nosotros estamos en el hospital.



Ser .. Identification

Identification is permanent and describes the relationship between things or people.

Sentences

- 1) Yo soy su hija.
- 2) Ellas eres primos.
- 3) Ella es mi hermana.
- 4) Esta es mi hermano, Pedro.

Ser..Hora y la fecha

The time and date constantly change, therefore it falls under estar.

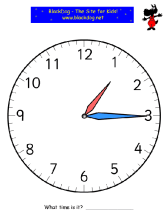
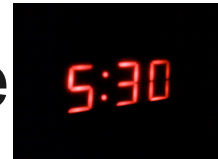
Sentences

1) Hoy es martes.



2) La fecha de hoy es 31 de octubre de 2014.

3) Son las cinco y media de la tarde



4) Es la una y cincuenta de la tarde.

Ser.. Un Evento

An event is something that is definite

Sentences

- 1)La fiesta es en mi casa.
- 2)El evento es en el biblioteca.
- 3)El concierto es en el parque.
- 4)La boda es en la playa.

Ser.. La Preposición “de”

Ser- Possession and Material.

Sentences

- 1)El libro es de Argentina.
- 2)Soy de Bolivia.
- 3)Mi madre es de Puerto Rico.
- 4)La silla es de Ecuador.