

SPANISH 101

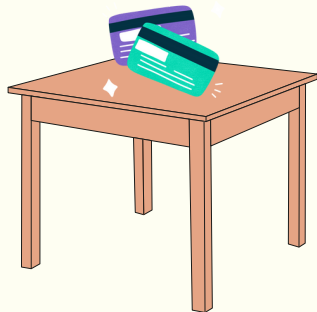
HOW & WHEN TO USE ESTAR

USAGE RULES, EXAMPLES & PRACTICE



HOW & WHEN TO USE ESTAR: P.L.A.C.E

POSITION OR POSTURE



Tu tarjeta está en la mesa.
Your card is on the table.

LOCATION



Estoy en la oficina. ¿Tú estás en la casa?
I am at the office. Are you home?

ACTIONS IN PROGRESS



Estamos viendo la televisión.
We are watching TV.

CONDITIONS, SYMPTOMS, AND STATES

Estoy muy cansada.
I am very tired.



EMOTIONS

Mis papás están nerviosos.
My parents are nervous.

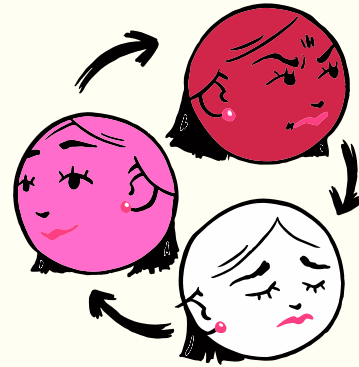


ESTAR ANSWERS THESE QUESTIONS

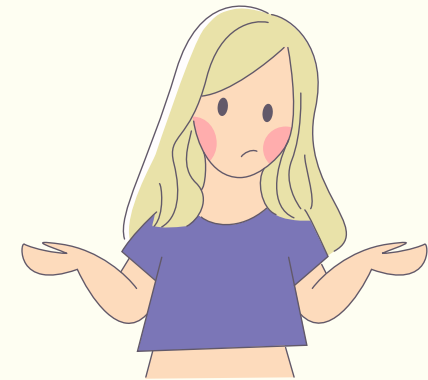
WHERE IS SOMEONE?

¿DÓNDE?

HOW IS SOMEONE FEELING?



WHAT IS SOMEONE DOING?



WHAT IS TODAY'S DATE?

OR

ASK THE CURRENT PRICE
OF SOMETHING



HOW IS THE
WEATHER TODAY?



USE ESTAR FOR STATE CHANGES

CANSADO



Estoy muy cansada.
I am very tired.

NO CANSADO



No estoy cansado.
I am not tired.

IDIOMATIC EXPRESSIONS WITH ESTAR

Estar al tanto

To be aware

Estar como una cuba

To be very drunk

Estar bueno

To be hot / To be sexy

Estar como pez en el agua

To be in one's element

Estar como una cabra

To be crazy

Estar de malas

To be in a bad mood

Estar de vicio

To die for / Great

IDIOMATIC EXPRESSIONS WITH ESTAR

Estar en ascuas

To be on edge

Estar en las últimas

To be in bad shape

Estar en la luna

To have your head in the clouds

Estar por hacer

To be about to do

Estar en las manos de alguien

To be in one's hand

Estar por verse

To remain to be seen

Saber estar

Know to behave

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SER & ESTAR

Ser expresses what someone or something is.

Estar communicates how or where someone/something is.

Ser

Mis vecinos son muy pálidos.
My neighbors are very pale.

Tú eres maestra de inglés.
You are an English teacher.

La película es aburrida.
The movie is boring.

Estar

Los niños están muy pálidos.
The kids are very pale.

Tú estás de niñera.
You are a babysitter.

Tu hermana está aburrida.
Your sister is bored.

EXAMPLE OF SER VS ESTAR

ESTAR

The kids are paler than usual. Maybe they're sick.



Los niños están muy pálidos.
The kids are very pale.

SER

The neighbors natural complexion is pale skin.



Mis vecinos son muy pálidos.
My neighbors are very pale.

KEY POINTS: USING ESTAR IN SPANISH

- Estar in Spanish means 'to be'.
- This verb refers to temporary conditions and traits (things that are going to change).
- Estar is used to talk about:
 - Position and posture
 - Location
 - Actions in progress
 - Conditions and states
 - Emotions
- Adjectives that work with estar refer to a current or short-term characteristic.
- When talking about someone's job, estar refers to a current occupation.
- Unlike estar, ser refers to inherent and permanent qualities.

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