

Spanish

Describing people [1/2]

- in general and right now
- using Ser & Estar appropriately

Señorita Correa



nada

[a]

amar

casa

alto

agosto

cama



¿Está bien?
(Is that ok?)

Está bien.
(It is ok.)

	Word	English meaning
1	estar	to be
2	estoy	I am
3	estás	you are
4	está	s/he is
5	serio	serious
6	raro	rare/strange
7	tranquilo	calm
8	nervioso	nervous
9	listo	clever
10	tonto	silly



Using *Ser* and *Estar* in “I” form of the verbs

Temporary state/mood

Estar

Estoy tranquilo.

I am quiet.

This means
feeling quiet
today / at the
moment.

location

Estoy en casa.

I am at home.

Permanent traits

Ser

Soy tranquilo.

I am quiet.

This means
being a
quiet sort of
person,
generally.



Using *Ser* and *Estar* in “you” form of the verbs

Temporary state/mood

Estar

Estás tranquilo.
You are quiet.

location

Estás en casa.
You are at home.

Permanent traits

Ser

Eres tranquilo.
You are quiet.



SER and ESTAR

In Spanish, there are two ways to say 'I am': **estoy** and **soy**.

There are two ways to say 'you are': **estás** and **eres**.

Use '**estoy**' and '**estás**' for location and temporary state/mood.

Use '**soy**' and '**eres**' for permanent traits.

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I am happy (in general). **Soy feliz.**

You are nice (now). **Estás simpática.**

You are nice (in general). **Eres simpática.**



Learning summary: using SER and ESTAR

In Spanish, there are two ways to say 'I am' [1] _____ and [2] _____

Two ways to say 'you are': [3] _____ and [4] _____

Use [5] _____ and [6] _____ for location and temporary state/mood.

Use [7] _____ and [8] _____ for permanent traits.

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