

Describing people [2/3]

- Using *ser* and *estar* in 1st person plural
- Using *tener*, *llevar* in 1st persons and 3rd person singular
- Adjectival agreement (plural nouns)

Spanish

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La fonética

The vowel [u] **merges** with [a], [e] and [o] to make a single syllable. This is a 'weak' vowel.

1 ig__ _l

2 monstr__ _

3 individ__ _

4 p__ _rta

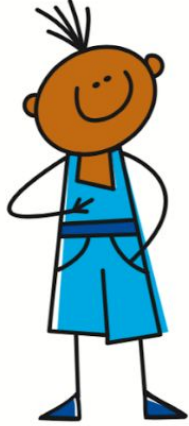


la barba	beard
calvo/a	bald
las gafas	glasses
ondulado/a	wavy
el bigote	moustache
alargado/a	long
castaño/a	brunette
el pelo	hair
llevar	to wear, wearing
feliz	happy



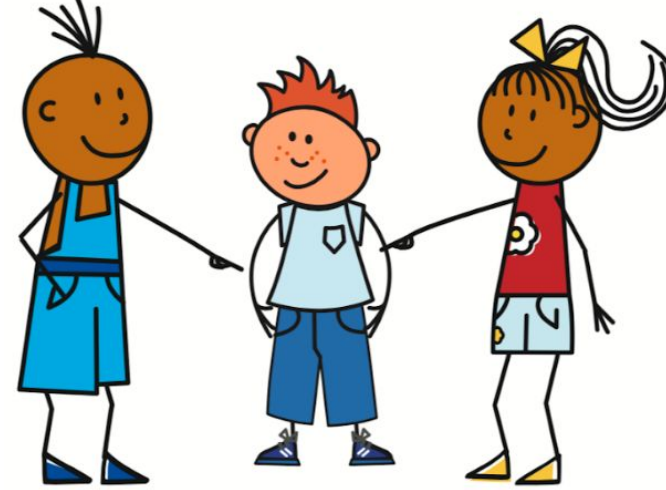
SER, TENER and LLEVAR

Let's remind ourselves of these key verbs:



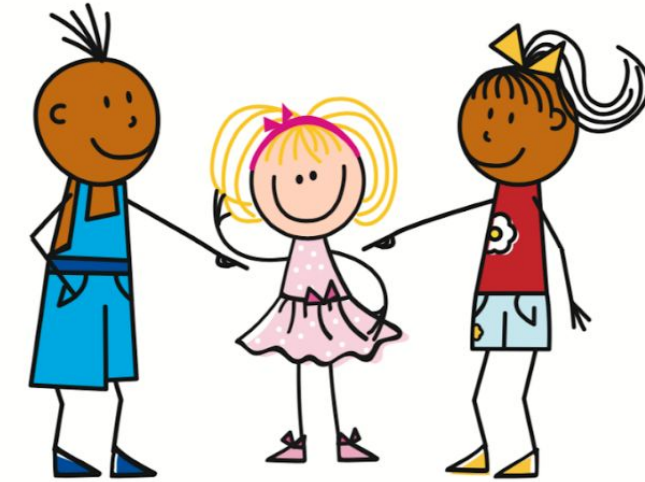
soy

I am



es

He is



es

She is

tengo

I have

tiene

He has

tiene

She has

llevo

I wear

lleva

He wears

lleva

She wears



SER and ESTAR

In Spanish, there are two ways to say 'we are': _____ and _____.

Use '**estamos**' to describe a temporary state and '**somos**' to describe permanent attributes.

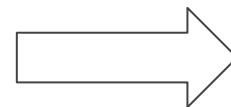
Compare:

Somos tranquilos.

Estamos tranquilos.

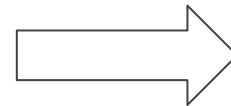
All verbs in the 'we' form in Spanish have the ending *-mos*.

Llevamos



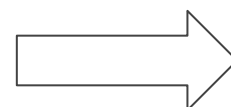
We wear

Tenemos



We have

Vivimos



We live



In Spanish, for adjectives that end in 'o', 'a', 'e' or 'ista' in the singular, we need to add 's' at the end to make it plural.

Feminine (singular)

Feminine (plural)

Es ambiciosa**a**.

She is ambitious.

Somos ambicioso**as**. We are ambitious.

Masculine (singular)

Masculine (plural)

Es optimi**sta**.

He is optimistic.

Somos optimi**stas**. We are optimistic.

If the adjective ends in 'or' or a consonant, we have to add an 'es' in the plural form.

Masculine (singular)

Masculine (plural)

Es hablador.

He is talkative.

Somos habladores.

We are talkative.



Las respuestas

- 1 Soy egoísta.
- 2 Mi padre tiene los ojos marrones.
- 3 Mi hermana y yo tenemos el pelo rubio.
- 4 Mi hermana es rubia.
- 5 Mi abuelo lleva barba.
- 6 Mi hermano y yo somos calvos.
- 7 Mi madre y yo llevamos gafas.
- 8 Tengo el pelo rojo.



Physical description: adjective order

When describing the colour or style of somebody's hair or eyes, the adjective comes _____ the noun.

For example

Tiene *el* pelo **alargado**. **S/he has straight hair.**

We also need to remember the definite article (the word for 'the').

S/he has red hair. → Tiene el pelo rojo.

We have blue eyes. → Tenemos los ojos azules.



Respuestas

1. The 'we' form of the verb ends in '_____'
2. Use _____ to say '*s/he wears*'.
3. _____ means '*We are*' (trait).
4. To ask make 'fiel' into the plural, it becomes:

We need to put the adjective after the noun when describing hair and eyes. True/False

