

Ser - “To Be”

Ser is a verb infinitive that means “to be.” It refers to permanent or lasting conditions, and can be used in many situations including the following:

- To state where someone is from (origin)
- To describe someone’s personality
- To state someone’s job
- To describe someone’s appearance

Ser is not used to describe feelings, locations, or any condition that is *not* lasting.

Ser is an irregular verb, which means that it is not conjugated in the same pattern that we would use for regular –er verbs.

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yo soy <I <u>am</u> >	nosotros somos <we <u>are</u> > nosotras somos <we <u>are</u> >
tú eres <you <u>are</u> (informal)>	
él es <he <u>is</u> > ella es <she <u>is</u> > usted es <you <u>are</u> (formal)>	ellos son <they <u>are</u> > ellas son <they <u>are</u> > ustedes son <you all <u>are</u> >

Ser is what we might call a linking verb, which means that it links the subject of the sentence to something in the predicate that describes it. Look at the following examples to understand how we might use *ser* in a sentence:

Yo soy una maestra.	I am a teacher.
Él es alto.	He is tall.
Juan y Carlos son amigos.	Juan and Carlos are friends.
Tú eres bonita.	You are pretty.

Now that you have seen how *ser* works in a sentence, write the correct conjugation of *ser* on each line.

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| 1. Amanda y yo _____ estudiantes. | <i>Amanda and I are students.</i> |
| 2. Ella _____ muy bonita. | <i>She is very pretty.</i> |
| 3. Tú _____ inteligente y trabajador. | <i>You are intelligent and hardworking.</i> |
| 4. Usted _____ policía. | <i>You are a police officer.</i> |
| 5. Roberto y José _____ perezosos. | <i>Roberto and José are lazy.</i> |
| 6. José _____ simpático. | <i>José is nice.</i> |
| 7. Nosotras _____ atléticas. | <i>We (all girls) are athletic.</i> |
| 8. Yo _____ interesante. | <i>I am interesting.</i> |
| 9. Mi madre _____ seria. | <i>My mother is serious.</i> |
| 10. Ustedes _____ maestros. | <i>You all are teachers.</i> |

We will check the answers together during the last 10 minutes of class!