

Ser y estar

Vocabulario ilustrado · Illustrated vocabulary



Words for people, places, descriptions and everyday actions. Spanish first, English underneath.

1. Explore the vocabulary.
2. Read the examples.
3. Practise with the separate exercise sheets.

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People, places and objects

Personas, lugares y objetos



los libros

books

el escritorio

desk

el calendario

calendar

el vaso

glass

el sofá

sofa

la mesa

table

la sopa

soup

el reloj

clock / watch

el verano

summer

el trabajo

work / job

la madre

mother

la abuela

grandmother

el médico / la médica

doctor

el bombero / la bombera

firefighter

Nouns are shown with an article: la sopa, la mesa, el bombero. A profession can appear without an article after ser: Luis es bombero.

Actions and descriptions

Acciones y descripciones



Actions · Verbos

cocinar · to cook

fregar los platos · to wash the dishes

Descriptions · Adjetivos

inteligente

intelligent / clever

guapo / guapa

good-looking

rubio / rubia

blond / blonde

alto / alta

tall

delgado / delgada

slim / thin

cansado / cansada

tired

enfermo / enferma

ill / sick

caliente

hot

frío / fría

cold

Adjectives have no article in this vocabulary list. Many change with gender: alto / alta, frío / fría. Inteligente and caliente use the same form for masculine and feminine.

Use the words in a sentence

Un pequeño recordatorio · A little reminder

SER: identity and description

Susana es médica. · Susana is a doctor.

Fran es inteligente. · Fran is intelligent.

María es alta. · María is tall.

ESTAR: location, state and an action in progress

Max está en el sofá. · Max is on the sofa.

La sopa está caliente. · The soup is hot.

Marga está cocinando. · Marga is cooking.

Borja está fregando los platos. · Borja is washing the dishes.



Context changes the meaning

Pepe es delgado. · A general description of Pepe.

Pepe está más delgado que antes. · A comparison with how he was before.

Do not reduce ser and estar to “permanent” and “temporary”. Ask what the sentence expresses: identity, description, location, state or an action in progress. Read the full lesson on the website for more examples.