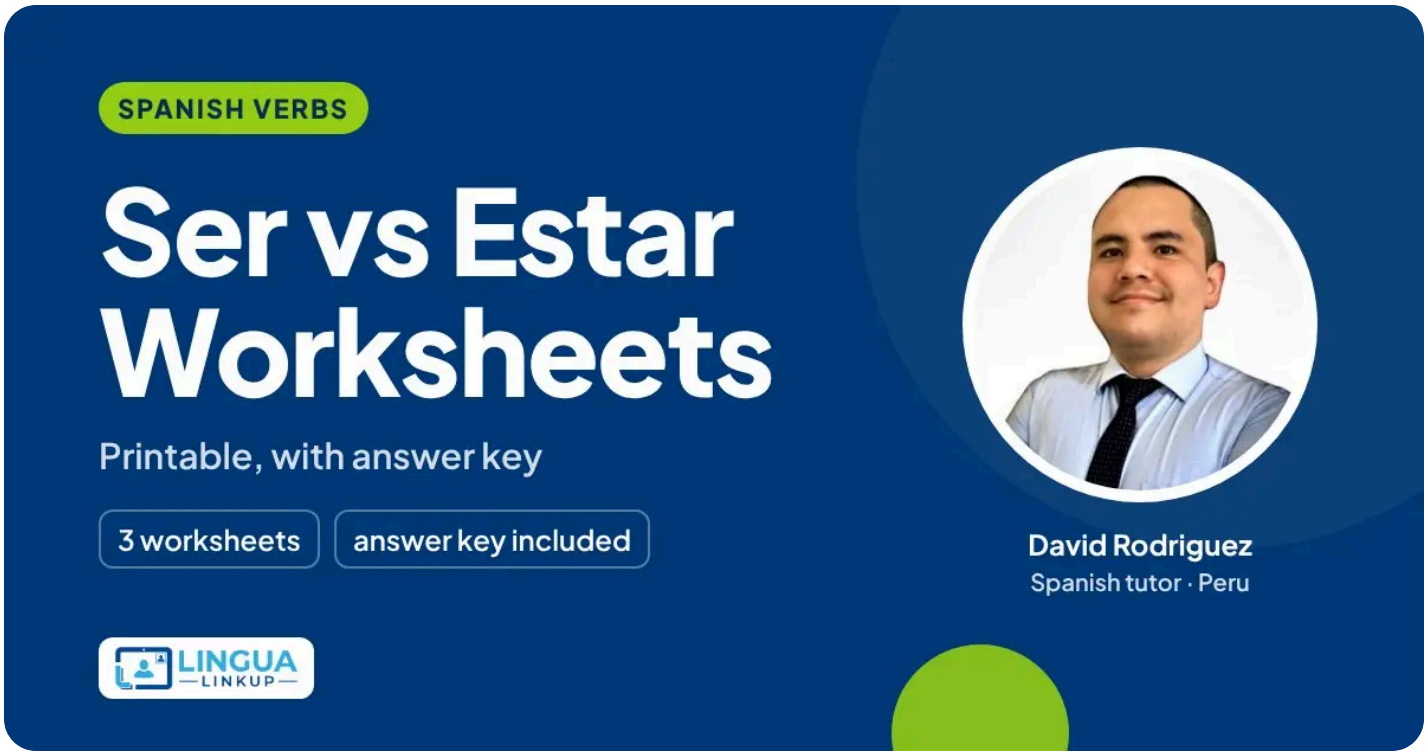
Ser vs Estar Worksheets (Printable, with Answer Key)

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Quick answer: These free **ser vs estar worksheets** come with an answer key and can be downloaded as a PDF to print or use in class. They cover the core rule (**ser** for identity and permanent traits, **estar** for location, feelings and temporary states), the adjectives that change meaning, and translation practice. Answers are at the bottom.

Use them for self-study, homework or classroom practice. For the full grammar explanation, read ser vs estar first, and for an interactive version try the ser vs estar

quiz.

Ser vs estar: the rules in one chart

Use SER for… (DOCTOR)	Use ESTAR for… (PLACE)
Descriptions: *Es alta.*	**P**osition: *El libro está en la mesa.*
Occupations: *Soy enfermera.*	**L**ocation: *Estamos en Lima.*
Characteristics: *Eres simpático.*	**A**ction (-ando/-iendo): *Está comiendo.*
Time and dates: *Son las dos. Hoy es martes.*	**C**ondition: *Estoy cansado.*
Origin: *Es de México.*	**E**motion: *Están felices.*
Relationships: *Es mi hermano.*	

Watch out: the location of an *event* uses ser: *La fiesta **es** en mi casa.*

Ser and estar conjugation (present)

Pronoun	Ser	Estar
yo	soy	estoy
tú	eres	estás
él / ella / usted	es	está
nosotros	somos	estamos
vosotros	sois	estáis
ellos / ustedes	son	están

All tenses: ser conjugation and estar conjugation.

Worksheet 1: Fill in the blank (ser or estar)

Write the correct present-tense form of **ser** or **estar**.

1. Mi hermana _____ doctora.
2. Nosotros _____ cansados hoy.
3. La fiesta _____ en mi casa.
4. ¿Dónde _____ el baño?
5. Yo _____ de Colombia.
6. Hoy _____ lunes.
7. Ellos _____ en la oficina.
8. La sopa _____ fría.
9. _____ las tres de la tarde.
10. Tú _____ muy inteligente.
11. El café _____ para ti.
12. Mis abuelos _____ jubilados.
13. Las manzanas _____ rojas.
14. ¿Cómo _____ tu mamá?
15. Nosotros _____ estudiando español.

Worksheet 2: Adjectives that change meaning

Some adjectives mean something different with ser and with estar. Choose the correct option.

Adjective	With SER	With ESTAR
aburrido	boring	bored
listo	clever	ready
rico	rich	delicious
malo	bad (person/thing)	sick / gone bad
verde	green (color)	unripe

1. The movie is boring. → La película *(es / está)* aburrida.
2. I'm ready! → ¡*(Soy / Estoy)* lista!
3. This food is delicious. → Esta comida *(es / está)* muy rica.
4. They are rich. → Ellos *(son / están)* ricos.
5. The banana isn't ripe yet. → El plátano todavía *(es / está)* verde.
6. My son is sick today. → Mi hijo *(es / está)* malo hoy.
7. I'm bored in class. → *(Soy / Estoy)* aburrido en clase.
8. Your brother is very clever. → Tu hermano *(es / está)* muy listo.

Worksheet 3: Translate into Spanish

1. I am a teacher.
2. Where are you? (tú)
3. The concert is at eight.
4. The coffee is cold.
5. The table is made of wood.
6. We are in Mexico.
7. She is tall and she is tired.

8. It’s raining. (estar + gerund)

Answer key

- ▶ **Show answers – Worksheet 1**
- ▶ **Show answers – Worksheet 2**
- ▶ **Show answers – Worksheet 3**

Tips for teachers and parents

- Do Worksheet 1 first, then Worksheet 2 once students know the basic rule.
- Ask students to explain *why* they chose ser or estar, using the DOCTOR/PLACE letters.
- Turn Worksheet 3 into a speaking exercise: students translate out loud in pairs.
- For kids, mix in our educational games and tips for teaching kids Spanish.

Frequently asked questions

Is there a ser vs estar worksheet with answers PDF?

Yes. Use the “Download as PDF” button on this page to save or print all three worksheets with the answer key.

What is the easiest way to remember ser vs estar?

Use DOCTOR (ser) and PLACE (estar). A simpler shortcut: ser = what something is , estar = how or where it is right now .

Why is “la fiesta es en mi casa” ser and not estar?

When you say where an event takes place, Spanish uses ser. Estar is for the location of people and things.

Is it “estoy muerto” or “soy muerto”?

Estar muerto . Even though death is permanent, Spanish treats it as a state, so it uses estar.

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