

‘Ser’ and ‘Estar’ - Practice QUIZ

In Spanish, we use different verbs to describe a **condition (estar)** or the **essence/quality (ser)**, of someone or something. For example:

- La pera **está** verde. (*The pear is green*) - temporary condition, meaning it is green now because it has not ripened, but eventually that condition may/will change.
- La pera **es** verde. (*The pear is green*) permanent essence/quality, meaning that it will always remain the same color green.

I. Complete the following sentences with the correct form of the verb “ser” or “estar”, depending on whether it’s a ‘temporary condition’ or ‘permanent essence’.

1. Él _____ aburrido. (*boring*) (always that way).
2. Ellas _____ aburridas. (*bored*, right now).
3. Ella _____ alegre. (*happy*, always/temperament)
4. Ella _____ alegre. (*happy*, right now)
5. Ellos _____ cansados. (*tired*, right now)
6. Juan _____ enfermo. (*sick*, right now)
7. Juan _____ enfermizo. (*sickly*, always).
8. Los niños _____ grandes. (*big* now and always big)
9. Las niñas _____ grandes para su edad. (*big for their age* now, but might not be so forever).
10. Maria _____ divertida. (*amusing*) (always that way).
11. Maria _____ divertida. (*amused* right now)
12. Yo _____ muy tímido. (*very shy*, always very quiet and keep to myself).
13. La sopa _____ caliente. (*hot-temperature*, right now).
14. Tú _____ muy inteligente. (*intelligent* always).
15. El arroz _____ buenísimo. (*very good*, right now).