

Piece #2
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LESSON FOCUS: THE VERB BE

Spanish has two different verbs that express the verb *BE*: *ser* and *estar*. These are hard to know when to use them, but they are easy to translate. Translate them as you would the verb *BE* in English.

EXAMPLE: Los perros son inteligentes (dogs are intelligent).

Mis perros están en la cocina (my dogs are in the kitchen).

It is helpful to know the forms of both of these verbs -- cold. They are so common. The full verb table for ESTAR is found on p. 1959 of the dictionary. The verb table for SER is on p. 1965.

Please note a common confusion: *está* (with an accent) means *is*. Without an accent, *esta* means *this*.