**Ser versus estar:**

Both verbs mean to be, but are used in different situations. They are both irregular, and their conjugations must be memorized.

Ser: is used for situations that will never change (gender, nationality, race) or take a long time to change (personality, looks, occupation).

Estar: is used for temporary situations that change quickly (emotions, location,a and what you are doing)

**Ser = to be (permanent)**

Yo soy Nosotros somos

Tú eres Vosotros sois

Él/Ella/Usted es Ellos/Ellas/Ustedes son

**Estar = to be (temporary)**

Yo estoy Nosotros estamos

Tú estás Vosotros estáis

Él/Ella/Usted está Ellos/Ellas/Ustedes están

**Examples:**

Yo soy una chica. = I am a girl.

Yo soy de España. = I am from Spain.

Yo soy alta y simpatica. = I am tall and nice.

**None of these things will change, or will take a long time to change, so you use ser**

Yp estoy bien. = I am well.

Yo estoy en la clase de español. = I am in the Spanish class

Yo estoy escribiendo. = I am writing.

**All of these things could change quickly, so you use estar.**