*Ser vs. Estar

No te olvides.../ Don't forget...

- *Ser and Estar both mean "to be"
- *Ser and Estar are NOT interchangeable.

SER EXPRESSES THE FOLLOWING:

- *Physical descriptions and personality traits.
- *Who you are- name, profession, nationality
- *What you look like
- *Origin- where you or something is from- using "de"
- *Identifies people, places and things
- *Time- what time it is, the date, and day of the week

ESTAR EXPRESSES THE FOLLOWING:

- *Feelings- used in greetings and to express how you feel
- *Temporary conditions- things that will change
- *Location of someone or something
- *Present progressive tense ("I am writing")

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