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Ser and estar

- Both **ser** and **estar** mean *to be*, but they have different uses.
- You use **estar** to say where someone is or where something is located, and to ask and say how people are doing.

La servilleta **está** en la mesa. **Estoy** bien, gracias.

The napkin is on the table. I'm fine, thanks.

Ser

- You have used **ser** to identify people and things; to say where they are from; to describe what someone or something is like; and to give the day, date, and time.

Ricardo **es** mi amigo. **Es** de México. **Es** alto y simpático.

Es lunes. **Es** el 2 de marzo. **Son** las cuatro en punto.

Describing foods and drinks

- Both **ser** and **estar** can be used to describe foods and drinks.
- Use **ser** to describe what foods and drinks are normally like.

¿Cómo **es** el arroz con pollo? **Es** riquísimo.
What is chicken and rice like? It's delicious.

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- To say how something looks, tastes, or feels at a particular moment, use **estar**.

¿Cómo **está** tu sopa?

How is your soup?

Está fría.

It's cold.