

Irregular Verbs: Ser, Estar, Tener, Ir

Name: _____ Date: _____

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

Student will be able to correctly conjugate and use the irregular verbs ser, estar, tener, and ir in simple present-tense sentences.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Index cards
- markers
- a small open space to move around in

HANDS-ON ACTIVITY

1. Create 4 header cards, one for each verb: Ser, Estar, Tener, Ir, and place them around the room as 'stations.'
2. Write 8 sentence-starter cards (2 per verb) that would use that verb (e.g., for Ser: 'Yo ___ alto' for Estar: 'Ella ___ feliz' for Tener: 'Nosotros ___ un perro' for Ir: 'Tú ___ a la escuela').
3. Play a charades-style game: draw a sentence-starter card, walk/move to the correct verb station, and act out or say the completed sentence with the correctly conjugated verb.
4. After going through all 8 cards, write all 8 completed sentences neatly on paper.
5. Create a simple chart summarizing when to use Ser vs. Estar (Ser = permanent traits/identity, Estar = temporary states/location) with one example sentence each.

QUESTIONS

1. Write 2 of your completed sentences from the game, one using Ser and one using Estar.
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2. Conjugate 'tener' for yo, tú, and nosotros.
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3. What is the basic rule for choosing between Ser and Estar?
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4. Why do you think Spanish has two different verbs for 'to be' while English only has one?
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