Ser: To be or not to be...permanently

Remember the verb estar? We used it for temporary conditions. An easy way to remember this is the word PLACE. PLACE stands for

1. POSITION like _El lápiz está encima del pupitre_.
2. LOCATION like _Estoy en la clase_.
3. ACTION like _Ellos están hablando_.
4. CONDITION like _Tú estás enfermo_.
5. EMOTION like _Nosotros estamos felices_.

The other verb for "to be" is the verb _ser_.

Ser is used for permanent conditions. It is COMPLETELY irregular.

An easy way to remember when to use ser is the word TOPIC.

1. TIME like _És la una/Son las diez y once_.
2. ORIGIN like _Soy de New Jersey_.
3. PROFESSION like _Soy una maestra_.
4. IDENTITY like _És una hamburguesa_.
5. CHARACTERISTICS like _Él es atlético_.

We conjugate ser like this:

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<th>Soy</th>
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<td>eres</td>
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<td>es</td>
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Plurals of adjectives: When one thing is great and two things are greater

Now that you know the verb ser (and all of its conjugations...FINALLY!) we can use it to describe the characteristics of more than one object. Remember that ser is used with the word TOPIC (the C stands for characteristics).

Adjectives in Spanish MUST agree with their nouns. This means that

1. A plural noun must have a plural adjective.

AND

2. A feminine noun must have a feminine adjective (Masculine nouns must have masculine adjectives)

To make a word that ends in a vowel plural, add -s.

To make a word that ends in a consonant plural, add -es.

Some examples of adjectives are

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\begin{align*}
\text{bueno} & \quad \text{delicioso} \\
\text{inteligente} & \quad \text{dificil}
\end{align*}
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Assign adjectives to the following nouns and then write a complete sentence to describe them:

1. Manzanas
   \[\text{deliciosa}\]
   \[\text{Las manzanas son deliciosas}\]

2. Pasteles
   \[\text{malo}\]
   \[\text{Los pasteles son malos para la salud}\]

3. Papas fritas
   \[\text{sabroso}\]
   \[\text{Las papas fritas son sabrosas}\]