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## Guapo

### *Using Ser and Tener to Describe People*

This document teaches the central piece of grammar in *Guapo* – how to describe people using the verbs **ser** and **tener** as seen in these lyrics:

- Soy guapo.
- Tiene ojos verdes y pelo castaño.
- Tú no eres guapo.

The document is broken into three sections:

- Part 1:** Conjugation of **SER**
- Part 2:** Application of **SER** to describe people.
- Part 3:** Conjugation of **TENER**
- Part 4:** Application of **TENER** to describe people.
- Part 5:** Putting **SER** and **TENER** together.

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Translate these song lyrics to English:

1. Soy delgada. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Tienes aparatos. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Tú no eres guapo. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Tengo ojos verdes. \_\_\_\_\_
5. No es necesario ser simpático. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Es guapo. \_\_\_\_\_
7. Tiene pelo castaño. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Tienen ojos pequeños. \_\_\_\_\_

## PART 1:

Conjugating the verb **SER** (*to be*) in the present tense.

<i>yo</i> <b>soy</b>	<i>nosotros/as</i> <b>somos</b>
<i>tú</i> <b>eres</b>	<i>vosotros/as</i> <b>sois</b>
<i>él, ella, usted</i> <b>es</b>	<i>ellos, ellas, ustedes</i> <b>son</b>

All forms of "ser" are irregular.



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**A. Translate each conjugated form of SER into English.**

1. "Soy" means \_\_\_\_\_.
2. "Somos" means \_\_\_\_\_.
3. "Son" means \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.
4. "Es" means \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.
5. "Eres" means \_\_\_\_\_.
6. "Sois" means \_\_\_\_\_.
7. "Ser" means \_\_\_\_\_.

**B. Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb SER.**

ser	son	soy	somos	sois	eres	es
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1. Víctor \_\_\_\_\_ guapo.
2. Víctor y yo \_\_\_\_\_ guapos.
3. Víctor y las chicas \_\_\_\_\_ guapos.
4. Víctor, ¿\_\_\_\_\_ tú guapo?
5. Yo quiero \_\_\_\_\_ guapo.
6. Ahora yo \_\_\_\_\_ guapo como Víctor.
7. Las mujeres \_\_\_\_\_ muy guapas.
8. Él no \_\_\_\_\_ guapo.
9. Vosotras \_\_\_\_\_ guapas.
10. Ana y Víctor \_\_\_\_\_ muy guapos.

Notice the "s" on "guapo." It's describing more than one person.



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## PART 2:

Using **SER** (*to be*) to describe people.

Translate each sentence to Spanish. Use the word box to help you. Remember to make sure that the adjective agrees if it's a boy/girl and singular/plural.

**simpático** = nice

**bajo** = short

**guapo** = good-looking

**delgado** = thin

**feo** = ugly

**alto** = tall

**gracioso** = funny

1. We are short.

En español: \_\_\_\_\_

2. She is thin and ugly.

En español: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Víctor is not funny.

En español: \_\_\_\_\_

4. You (informal - female) are tall.

En español: \_\_\_\_\_

5. You (formal) are not nice.

En español: \_\_\_\_\_

6. I am not funny. I am *very* funny.

En español: \_\_\_\_\_

7. They (female) are short.

En español: \_\_\_\_\_

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### PART 3:

Conjugating the verb **TENER** (*to have*) in the present tense.

<i>yo</i> <b>tengo</b>	<i>nosotros/as</i> <b>tenemos</b>
<i>tú</i> <b>tienes</b>	<i>vosotros/as</i> <b>tenéis</b>
<i>él, ella, usted</i> <b>tiene</b>	<i>ellos, ellas, ustedes</i> <b>tienen</b>

Notice the **e-ie** stem change in these forms.



#### A. Translate each conjugated form of TENER into English.

1. "Tenemos" means \_\_\_\_\_.
2. "Tengo" means \_\_\_\_\_.
3. "Tienen" means \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.
4. "Tiene" means \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.
5. "Tener" means \_\_\_\_\_.
6. "Tienes" means \_\_\_\_\_.
7. "Tenéis" means \_\_\_\_\_.

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**B. Fill in the blank with the correct form of TENER.**

tener    tienen    tengo    tenemos    tenéis    tienes    tienen

1. Víctor, ¿\_\_\_\_\_ tú pelo castaño?
2. Yo quiero \_\_\_\_\_ pelo castaño.
3. Ahora yo \_\_\_\_\_ pelo castaño como Víctor.
4. Víctor y las chicas \_\_\_\_\_ pelo castaño.
5. Víctor \_\_\_\_\_ pelo castaño.
6. Víctor y yo \_\_\_\_\_ pelo castaño.
7. Vostros no \_\_\_\_\_ pelo castaño.
8. Ella \_\_\_\_\_ pelo castaño.
9. Las mujeres no \_\_\_\_\_ pelo castaño.
10. ¿\_\_\_\_\_ tú pelo castaño?



REMEMBER:

**Soy** means "I am".

**Tengo** means "I have".

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## PART 4:

Using **TENER** (*to have*) to describe people.

Translate each sentence to Spanish. Use the word box to help you.

<b>ojos verdes</b> =	green eyes	<b>pelo castaño</b> =	brown hair
<b>ojos castaños</b> =	brown eyes	<b>pelo rubio</b> =	blonde hair
<b>ojos azules</b> =	blue eyes	<b>pelo negro</b> =	black hair
<b>ojos negros</b> =	black eyes	<b>pelo canoso</b> =	gray hair
<b>ojos rojos</b> =	red eyes	<b>pelo rojo</b> =	red hair

1. You all have black hair.

En español: \_\_\_\_\_

2. I have blue eyes.

En español: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Víctor has brown hair.

En español: \_\_\_\_\_

4. We have blonde hair and brown eyes.

En español: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Sr. Woolly doesn't have hair.

En español: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Do you have green eyes or blue eyes?

En español: \_\_\_\_\_

7. She has red hair and brown eyes.

En español: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PART 5:**

Putting **SER** and **TENER** together.

**E. Translate the descriptions of the following people. You will need to incorporate both SER and TENER.**



1. *They are good-looking and nice. They have blonde hair and blue eyes.*

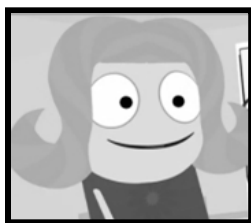
En español: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. *He is tall and ugly. He has no hair. He has glasses.*

En español: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



3. *You (informal) are short. You have big eyes and blonde hair.*

En español: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. *She is ugly. She has black hair and has no teeth.*

En español: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_





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Create 2-3 original sentences for the following pictures using both SER and TENER.



1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



3. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



