

estar

STATE OF BEING OR HOW SOMETHING IS (PLACE+)

POSITION/POSICIÓN: to express position in the space of things (generally with prepositions of place)

· where something is at physically in relation to other things:

Mi gata está abajo de la mesa. *My cat is below/underneath the table.*

Los libros están en el librero. *The books are at the bookseller.*

LOCATION/LOCALIZACIÓN: to express or indicate location, to ask about the location of a person or object

· where a person or thing is at on a physical map/plane; it can also refer to where something is permanently, temporarily or conceptually located:

Mi mamá está en su casa. *My mom is at home.*

Estoy en Mérida. *I am in Mérida.*

***recuerda: se usa "ser" para eventos

ACTION/ACCIÓN: to express actions [estar + gerund]

· to use with progressive tenses:

Estamos leyendo el libro esta semana. *We are reading the book this week.*

CONDITION/CONDICIÓN: to express conditions, states of health or being

· depending on the situation, using the word "estar" can describe physical and mental conditions:

Estás sano, ¿verdad? *You're healthy, aren't you?*

Estás tan cansada esta mañana. *You are very tired this morning.*

Mi vecina está enferma hoy. *My neighbor is sick today.*

Tu perro está un poco confundido. *Your dog is a little confused.*

EMOTION/EMOCIÓN: to express emotions, changes in feelings or perceptions; or to convey a feeling or perception

· to describe how a person is feeling at any time, a state that will not last very long:

Ellos están contentos. *They are happy.*

Estoy triste porque obtuve una mala nota. *I'm sad because I got a bad grade.*

Él está aburrido porque no tiene tarea. *He is bored because he has no homework.*

AS WELL AS/ADEMÁS:

CHANGE FROM THE NORM/CAMBIO DE LA NORMA: to express a change from the norm (a condition), or how the speaker feels about or perceives the person or object

Jorge está delgado.* *Jorge is thin.* (Jorge looks thin.)

IDIOMATIC EXPRESSIONS/EXPRESIONES IDIOMÁTICAS: to use with various idiomatic expressions.

María está en los nubes. *María is daydreaming.*