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Ser and Estar in Spanish: Which One Fits?

Directions: Answer each question. Read the whole sentence and any context first: the context tells you whether the sentence needs ser or estar.

1. Match each Spanish sentence to the use of *ser* or *estar* it shows.

Write the letter of the matching answer on each line.

1. _____ Somos de Honduras.
2. _____ Son las cuatro y media.
3. _____ Estamos en la biblioteca.
4. _____ Es mi profesor de ciencias.
5. _____ Es muy generosa.
6. _____ Estoy contenta hoy.

A. what someone is like
B. what time it is
C. how someone feels today
D. where someone is right now
E. where someone is from
F. who someone is
G. what day it is
H. what someone is doing

2. Valentina talks about her family. Choose the forms of *ser* and *estar* that complete her sentence.

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están • es • está • son

Mi familia _____ de Puerto Rico, pero ahora mi hermana Julia _____ en Chicago.

3. Which sentence uses standard Spanish to tell the time at 3:10?

A. Estamos las tres y diez.
B. Están las tres y diez.
C. Es las tres y diez.
D. Son las tres y diez.

4. Sofía has a math test today. Complete her message so it means "The math test is today, and right now I feel very nervous."

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Hoy _____ el examen de matemáticas, y ahora mismo _____ muy nerviosa.

5. It is a rainy afternoon, and Pablo has nothing to do. Which sentence says that Pablo feels bored?

A. Pablo es aburrido.
B. Pablo están aburrido.
C. Pablo está aburrida.
D. Pablo está aburrido.

6. Marta's party is tomorrow. Choose the forms that say where the party will take place and where Marta is right now.

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La fiesta de mañana _____ en la casa de Marta, y Marta _____ en la cocina ahora.

7. The bus leaves in five minutes, and Carmen has her backpack on. Which sentence says that Carmen is ready?

A. Carmen está lista.
B. Carmen está listo.
C. Carmen están lista.
D. Carmen es lista.

8. Read the sentences: *Mi abuela siempre cuenta chistes. Es muy divertida.* Why does the second sentence use *es*?

A. Sentences about people always use *ser*.
B. It tells where she is.
C. It describes what she is like, a trait.
D. It tells how she feels right now.

9. Lucas made hot chocolate an hour ago and forgot about it. Which sentence says how the hot chocolate is now?

A. El chocolate es frío.
B. El chocolate están frío.
C. El chocolate está fría.
D. El chocolate está frío.

10. Andrés writes about his cousins' visit. Choose the forms of *ser* and *estar* that complete his message.

Word bank
son • están • estamos • somos

Mis primos _____ de Guatemala. Ahora ellos _____ en Chicago, y nosotros _____ muy emocionados.