Ser Vs. Estar - Practice Sheet

Sometimes it’s best to be efficient—learn as much or as many as possible at once. Kill two birds with one stone. I’m all for it. Sometimes.

But not today. Today, it’s best to just focus on the task at hand, practicing when to use “ser” and when to use “estar”.

For that reason, this Practice Sheet is completely in English. It’s the beginning and you don’t know many words. It’s better to practice with real sentences (not with just simple, unrealistic, “Joe is happy”) so you’d be busy looking up just about every word and not be able to focus on your mission.

Do what you want, but I designed this Practice Sheet to be used in a specific manner. Here are the steps I want you to follow.

1. Complete Section #1. Do them all, then check your answers. Don’t check your answer after every one. These are very simple sentences I made up to help you practice.
2. Go back to Section #1 and review whatever examples you got wrong. Just knowing the right answer doesn’t do much for you. You need to see the context.
3. Complete Section #2. This is harder and more realistic than Section #1. I took these straight from my Facebook Newsfeed. So these are real statements that real people made. Again, do them all, then check your answers. Don’t check your answer after every one.
4. Go back to Section #2 and review whatever examples you got wrong.

Any questions, please don’t hesitate to message me on Facebook or email me jordan@gringoespanol.com.

Section #1

1. Where are you from? [ser/estar]
2. How are you? [ser/estar]
3. What is your favorite sport? [ser/estar]
4. What is your job? [ser/estar]
5. What color are your eyes? [ser/estar]
6. Are you going to be at the meeting? [ser/estar]
7. I am very mad at you for taking my milk! [ser/estar]
8. They just aren't nice people.  [ser/estar]
9. Are you both from the UK?  [ser/estar]
10. The food in Spain is really good.  [ser/estar]
11. She is really pretty.  [ser/estar]
12. The football game is Tuesday.  [ser/estar]
13. Lisa is at the library.  [ser/estar]
14. Florida is really hot.  [ser/estar]
15. My favorite food is Mexican!  [ser/estar]

Section #2

1. I was on break from college and lounging around the house.  [ser/estar]
2. There is a quick clip of me playing the piano.  [ser/estar]
3. A year of hard work! Not where I want to be yet but soon.  [ser/estar]
4. This is so cute!  [ser/estar]
5. Next Sunday my amazing, wonderful husband is running his first half marathon.  [ser/estar]
6. Free orange cake! Jamaicans are the coolest cats.  [ser/estar]
7. If you want to learn functional Spanish, this is the place.  [ser/estar]
8. 8 ways startups are changing the healthcare industry.  [ser/estar]
9. Today is the LAST DAY to submit items for the Silent Auction and Raffle!  [ser/estar]
10. I have the locket ready but I am sick and so are all the kids so I can't leave the house.  [ser/estar]
11. Here is a quick way to travel the world.  [ser/estar]
12. I am still glowing from the blessing and joy of this past weekend.  [ser/estar]
13. Who is ready for the annual contest on how many standing ovations can be given for uttering obvious statements?  [ser/estar]
14. What is your favourite ingredient?  [ser/estar]
15. That is so funny!  [ser/estar]