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| <i>ser malo/mala</i>         | badly behaved or to have bad quality | <b><i>Esta marca de ropa es muy mala.</i></b><br>This clothing brand has bad quality.   |
| <i>ser aburrido/aburrida</i> | boring                               | <b><i>El amigo de mi hermana no habla de nada, es muy aburrido.</i></b><br>My sister's friend doesn't speak about anything, he's very boring. |
| <i>ser bueno/buena</i>       | well behaved or to have good quality | <b><i>Mi perrito Tommy es muy bueno.</i></b><br>My dog Tommy is very well behaved.  |
| <i>ser listo/lista</i>       | clever, smart                        | <b><i>Los estudiantes entienden muy rápido. Son muy listos.</i></b><br>The students understand very quickly. They're very smart.              |
| <i>ser moreno/morena</i>     | dark haired                          | <b><i>Ana es rubia y su hermano es moreno.</i></b><br>Ana is blond and her brother is dark haired.  |



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| <i>ser rico/rica</i>             | wealthy              | <b><i>Esa familia es muy rica. Tienen mucho dinero.</i></b><br>That family is very wealthy. They have a lot of money.  |
| <i>ser despierto/desperta</i>    | smart                | <b><i>Mi sobrino tiene un año y es tan despierto.</i></b><br>My nephew is one year old and he's so smart.  |
| <i>ser orgulloso/orgullosa</i>   | vain, arrogant       | <b><i>Es demasiado orgulloso de su apariencia física.</i></b><br>He's too arrogant about his physical appearance.  |
| <i>ser verde</i>                 | green                | <b><i>Esa mesa es verde.</i></b><br>That table is green.   |
| <i>ser interesado/interesada</i> | selfish, opportunist | <b><i>Fernando es muy interesado. Solo te ayuda si obtiene algo a cambio.</i></b><br>Fernando is very selfish. He only helps you if he gets something in return. |



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| <i>ser vivo/viva</i>       | sharp, astute         | <b><i>Tienes que ser vivo para hacer negocios.</i></b><br>You have to be astute to do business.   |
| <i>ser abierto/abierta</i> | extroverted           | <b><i>Mi mejor amiga es abierta y habla de cualquier tema.</i></b><br>My best friend is extroverted and talks about any topic.                |
| <i>ser atento/atenta</i>   | attentive, thoughtful | <b><i>Mi madre es muy atenta con sus invitados.</i></b><br>My mother is very thoughtful with her guests.                                      |
| <i>ser cerrado/cerrada</i> | introverted           | <b><i>Soy una persona cerrada. No expreso mis emociones fácilmente.</i></b><br>I'm an introverted person. I don't express my emotions easily. |
| <i>ser consciente</i>      | aware of something    | <b><i>¿Eres consciente del problema que tenemos?</i></b><br>Are you aware of the problem we have?   |



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| <i>ser delicado/delicada</i> | fragile                                 | <b><i>Mi abuela me regaló esta porcelana. Es muy delicada.</i></b><br>My grandmother gave me this porcelain. It's very fragile.                           |
| <i>ser molesto/molesta</i>   | annoying                                | <b><i>Los gatos de mi vecino son muy molestos.</i></b><br>My neighbor's cats are very annoying.   |
| <i>ser seco/seca</i>         | curt                                    | <b><i>Mi padre es un hombre muy directo y es seco para decir las cosas.</i></b><br>My father is a very direct man and he has a curt way of saying things. |
| <i>ser claro/clara</i>       | clear (for the sky), light (for colors) | <b><i>Esos zapatos son azul claro.</i></b><br>Those shoes are light blue.   |
| <i>ser grave</i>             | serious                                 | <b><i>Este es un tema grave que necesitamos tratar de inmediato.</i></b><br>This is a serious topic we need to deal with immediately.                     |



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| <i>ser maduro/madura</i>   | mature    | <b><i>Sebastián es un niño muy maduro para su edad.</i></b><br>Sebastian is a very mature boy for his age. |
| <i>ser seguro/segura</i>   | confident | <b><i>Los candidatos son muy seguros de sí mismos.</i></b><br>The candidates are very confident.           |



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| <i>estar malo/mala</i>         | sick                         | <b><i>El niño no puede ir a la escuela hoy, está malo.</i></b><br>The boy can't go to school today, he's sick. |
| <i>estar aburrido/aburrída</i> | bored                        | <b><i>¡No tengo nada que hacer, estoy aburrída!</i></b><br>I have nothing to do, I'm bored!                    |
| <i>estar bueno/buena</i>       | tasty (for food), attractive | <b><i>Esta comida está muy buena.</i></b><br>This meal is tasty.   |
| <i>estar listo/lista</i>       | prepared, ready              | <b><i>¿Estás lista para nuestro viaje?</i></b><br>Are you ready for our trip?                                  |
| <i>estar moreno/morena</i>     | tanned                       | <b><i>Miguel fue a la playa y ahora está moreno.</i></b><br>Miguel went to the beach and now he's tanned.      |
| <i>estar rico/rica</i>         | tasty (for food)             | <b><i>La torta de chocolate está rica.</i></b><br>The chocolate cake is tasty.                                 |



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| <i>estar despierto/desperta</i>    | awake            | <b><i>Juan durmió bien y ahora está despierto.</i></b><br>Juan slept well and he's awake now.                                  |
| <i>estar orgulloso/orgullosa</i>   | proud, pleased   | <b><i>Estamos orgullosos de ti. Hiciste un excelente trabajo.</i></b><br>We're proud of you. You did an excellent job.         |
| <i>estar verde</i>                 | immature, unripe | <b><i>Esa fruta todavía está verde, no la puedes comer así.</i></b><br>That fruit is still unripe, you can't eat it like that. |
| <i>estar interesado/interesada</i> | interested       | <b><i>Estoy interesada en aprender español.</i></b><br>I'm interested in learning Spanish.                                     |
| <i>estar vivo/viva</i>             | alive            | <b><i>Mi bisabuelo está vivo y tiene 110 años.</i></b><br>My great grandfather is alive and he is 110 years old.               |



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| <i>estar abierto/abierta</i>   | open             | <b><i>El centro comercial está abierto de 10 a 8.</i></b><br>The shopping center is open from 10 to 8.   |
| <i>estar atento/atenta</i>     | paying attention | <b><i>Los niños están atentos a lo que dice la profesora.</i></b><br>The children are paying attention to what the teacher says.                   |
| <i>estar cerrado/cerrada</i>   | closed           | <b><i>La tienda de ropa está cerrada hoy.</i></b><br>The clothes shop is closed today.   |
| <i>estar consciente</i>        | awake, conscious | <b><i>El accidente fue terrible, pero ellos están conscientes.</i></b><br>The accident was terrible, but they're conscious.                        |
| <i>estar delicado/delicada</i> | in poor health   | <b><i>Ella está en el hospital hace dos semanas y está muy delicada.</i></b><br>She's been in the hospital for two weeks and she's in poor health. |





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| <i>estar molesto/molesta</i> | angry          | <b><i>Mis padres están molestos conmigo por mis calificaciones.</i></b><br>My parents are angry at me because of my grades.                     |
| <i>estar seco/seca</i>       | dry            | <b><i>Estas plantas están muy secas, necesitan agua.</i></b><br>These plants are very dry, they need water.                                     |
| <i>estar claro/clara</i>     | obvious        | <b><i>Está claro que necesitamos estudiar más.</i></b><br>It's obvious we need to study more.   |
| <i>estar grave</i>           | in poor health | <b><i>El doctor dice que el paciente está grave y necesita cirugía.</i></b><br>The doctor says the patient is in poor health and needs surgery. |



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| <i>estar maduro/madura</i>   | ripe    | <b>Usa estos bananos para el postre, ya están maduros.</b><br>Use these bananas for the dessert, they're ripe. |
| <i>estar seguro/segura</i>   | sure    | <b>Andrea está segura de obtener el trabajo.</b><br>Andrea is sure she'll get the job.                         |

