

## HAY-ESTÁ (THERE IS /ARE)

**HAY:** It is used to talk about the existence or non-existence of something. The equivalent in English is "There is" or "There are".

If we just want to know about the services in a particular place then we do not use the indetermined article.

Ejemplo: ¿Hay piscina en el hotel? (Is there a swimming pool in the hotel?)

If we don't know about a service but we want to find out whether there is such a service in the area we use the article.

Ejemplo: ¿Hay una farmacia por aquí? (Is there a pharmacy round here?)

You can never use the articles EL/LA/LOS/LAS with "HAY"

Ejemplo: Hay el parque en mi barrio --> incorrecto  
Hay un parque en mi barrio --> correcto

**ESTÁ/N:** It is used to locate where things, places or services are. "Está" is used for singular and "están" for plural. When we use "está/n", the assumption is that we know the thing, place or service exists, but we just want to know the location.

Ejemplo: ¿Dónde está el cine? (Where is the cinema?)  
Está muy cerca. (It is very near)

With "ESTÁ/N" you can use the possessives but not with "HAY"

Ejemplo: ¿Está mi madre en casa? (Is my mother at home?) CORRECTO  
¿Hay mi madre en casa? INCORRECTO

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