

5. Tapas - The Learning Section

Grammar

SAYING 'I, YOU, HE, SHE'

The Spanish word for 'I' is 'yo'

Yo quiero

I want

Yo soy

I am

But you don't often need to use 'yo' except for emphasis

Quiero

I want

Soy

I am

This is one of the main differences between Spanish and English verbs

The 'I' – the subject is already part of the Spanish verb

It's the same when you're talking about other people

Ella es periodista

She is a journalist

Él es biólogo

He is a biologist

You can take away the 'ella', she and 'él', he and they still mean the same thing

Es periodista

She is a journalist

Es biólogo

He is a biologist

But, the 'ella' and 'él' are used if there's any chance of confusing the subject of the sentence or for emphasis