

Expressions with Tener

We have learned that the verb Tener means "to have" in Spanish. This verb can also have a different meaning as in the following expressions:

tener (number) **años** - *to be (number) years old*

tener que + verb infinitive - *to have to*

There are other expressions that are used with tener:

Form of the Verb

Expression

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| tengo | tenemos | | calor <i>(to feel warm)</i> |
| tienes | | + | cuidado <i>(to be careful)</i> |
| tiene | tienen | | frío <i>(to feel cold)</i> |
| | | | miedo <i>(to be afraid)</i> |
| | | | prisa <i>(to be in a hurry)</i> |
| | | | razón <i>(to be right)</i> |
| | | | sueño <i>(to be sleepy)</i> |
| | | | suerte <i>(to be lucky)</i> |
| | | | ganas de <i>(to feel like doing)</i> |

Examples

Yo tengo **calor**.

I feel warm.

Ellos tienen **suerte**.

They are lucky.

Tenemos **ganas de** comer.

We feel like eating.