

## Gramática

**Tener Idioms (Ch.4c2).** Tener (*to have*) is used much more frequently in Spanish than in English, just like maracas, expletives, denim jackets, and Bon Jovi. For example, in English we say: *I am 31 years old*. In Spanish, we say, *I have 31 years (Yo tengo 31 años)*. Here are a few more important uses of *tener*:

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| tener miedo (de . . .)                     | to have fear (of . . .)                       |
| tener sueño                                | to be tired (literally: to have fatigue)      |
| tener prisa                                | to be in a hurry (literally: to have urgency) |
| tener razón                                | to be right (literally: to have reason)       |
| no tener razón                             | to be wrong (literally: to not have reason)   |
| tener frío                                 | to be cold (literally: to have cold)          |
| tener calor                                | to to be hot (literally: to have heat)        |
| tener sed                                  | to be thirsty (literally: to have thirst)     |
| tener hambre                               | to be hungry (literally: to have hunger)      |
| tener ganas de <u>comer</u> (insert verb). | to feel like <u>eating</u> .                  |
| tener que <u>comer</u> (insert verb).      | to have to <u>eat</u> .                       |

## Actividades

**Tener Idioms Questions (Ch.4c2.1).** Answer the questions below with complete sentences using *tener idioms*.

1. ¿Tienes miedo de animales?
2. ¿Tienes sueño en tus clases?
3. ¿Cuándo tienes hambre?
4. ¿Tienes prisa en los fines de semana?
5. Cuando tienes sed, ¿qué bebes?
6. ¿Tienes ganas de estar en la clase ahora?
7. ¿Tienes que trabajar hoy? ¿Este mes? ¿Este año?
8. ¿Tienes calor en la noche?
9. Con tu familia, ¿a veces tienes razón? ¿Amigos? ¿Esposo/a o novio/a?

Needs vs. Wants (Ch.4c2.2). We all have things we feel like doing that are sabotaged by things that we have to do. For example, I *feel like* doing more *YouTube* martial arts tutorials, but I *have to* go to my anger management therapy support group. These sentiments are expressed with *tener* in Spanish. Check out the example, then form your own *feel like* versus *have to* sentences.

**Example:** Yo tengo ganas de dormir, pero tengo que trabajar/estudiar/etc.

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