

TENER EXPRESSIONS

The verb “tener” means “to have” but is also part of several Spanish expressions.

Tener sueño	To be sleepy
Tener sed	To be thirsty
Tener hambre	To be hungry
Tener ganas de	To have a desire to
Tener miedo	To be afraid of
Tener ___ años	To be ___ years old
Tener calor	To be hot
Tener frío	To be cold
Tener razón	To be correct
No tener razón	To be incorrect
Tener suerte	To be lucky
Tener prisa	To be in a hurry
Tener orgullo	To be proud
Tener dolor de	To hurt
Tener celos	To be jealous
Tener éxito	To be successful
Tener vergüenza	To be ashamed
Tener la culpa	To be at fault
Tener lugar	To take place
Tener en cuenta	To take into account
Tener cuidado	To be careful

Careful! Many of these expressions are tricky when involving quantity or degree. For example, if you want to say you are very cold, DO NOT use “muy”. Use “mucho”! To say “I am very cold”, you would say “Yo tengo mucho frío”.