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“Tener” Idioms Guided Notes

A. What is an idiom?

An idiom is a _____ in one language that cannot be taken literally or translated directly to another language. One must instead understand the context of the saying and deduce the meaning.

Example: _____

B. “Tener” (To have) - Conjugation reminder

(yo)	(nosotros)
(tú)	(vosotros)
(él, ella) (usted)	(ellos) (ustedes)

C. “Tener” Idioms

In Spanish, we use “tener” in many instances where you might think to use “ser” (to be).

I am thirsty	→	I have thirst
I am hungry	→	I have hunger
I am cold	→	I have coldness

List of “Tener” Idioms

tener...
(to be)

calor

hambre

cuidado

sed

frío

razón

miedo

sueño

prisa

suerte

**To feel like ... → tener ganas de + *infinitive*

**Tengo ganas de dormir → I feel like sleeping

D. La práctica

Translate each of the following to Spanish:

1. We are cold. _____
2. They are in a big hurry. _____
3. You (formal) are lucky. _____
4. Humberto is sleepy. _____