



Expressing Obligation

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“Tener que”

In Spanish, when we want to express “to have to do something”, we use the following formula:

tener que + infinitive

We must conjugate “tener” according to the specific subject that we are talking about



“Tener que”

Examples:

1. **Tengo que llevar** la camisa azul hoy.

I have to wear the blue shirt today.

2. **Tenemos que caminar** a la biblioteca.

We have to walk to the library.



Practice

Translate the following:

1. Tienes que estudiar. →
2. Ellos tienen que comer. →
3. Tengo que dormir. →



Practice

Translate the following:

1. Tienes que estudiar. → You have to study.
2. Ellos tienen que comer. → They have to eat.
3. Tengo que dormir. → I have to sleep.



“Hay que”

- Though you won't be tested on this, it is good to know that you will sometimes see the phrase “**hay que + infinitive**”
- This phrase also expresses obligation, but in a general sense, and does not have a specific subject



“Hay que”

Examples:

1. **Hay que llevar** una camisa azul hoy.

One must wear a blue shirt today.

2. **Hay que hacer** las tareas.

One must do the homework.