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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. Mateo is sleepy. \_\_\_\_\_