

The verb “Tener”

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Meaning

What does “Tener” mean?

- “To have”
- Remember, this is the infinitive form of the verb
- What is the infinitive?

Conjugation

We will use the chart on the following page to conjugate the verb “Tener”

- “Tener” is an irregular verb that doesn’t follow a set pattern, which is why we must memorize it
- We are conjugating in the present tense

	Singular	Plural
1st Person	Yo tengo I have	Nosotros tenemos We have
2nd Person	Tú tienes You have (familiar)	Vosotros tenéis You all have(Spain)
3rd Person	Él/ella/usted tiene He/she/it has You have (formal)	Ellos(as)/ustedes tienen They have You all have

	Singular	Plural
1st Person	tengo	tenemos
2nd Person	tienes	tenéis
3rd Person	tiene	tienen

“Tener” with age

We use “Tener” when talking about age in Spanish

- In English, we would say “I am 14 years old.”
- In Spanish, we “have” our years; “Yo tengo 14 años.” Literally “I have 14 years.”

Practice

- Fill in the blank:

1. Yo _____ muchos amigos.
2. Ellos _____ la ropa verde.
3. Nosotros _____ un perro.
4. Tú _____ una casa rosada.

Practice

- Fill in the blank:

1. Yo tengo muchos amigos.
2. Ellos tienen la ropa verde.
3. Nosotros tenemos un perro.
4. Tú tienes una casa rosada.