

Las expresiones idiomáticas con tener

Tener Idioms

An idiomatic expression is one whose meaning is not exact such as:

- You're pulling my leg!* This does NOT mean that someone has grabbed your leg and is pulling on it
- it means that the person is kidding with you.

In Spanish there are expressions called **TENER** idioms that translate figuratively, NOT literally!!

You must memorize these expressions:

Tener frío - to be cold

No tener razón - to be wrong

Tener calor - to be hot

Tener éxito - to be successful

Tener hambre - to be hungry

Tener cuidado - to be careful

Tener sed - to be thirsty

Tener ... años - to be ... years old

Tener prisa - to be in a hurry

Tener ganas de + infinitive - to feel like

Tener miedo - to be afraid

Tener que + infinitive - to have to do something

Tener sueño - to be sleepy

Tener suerte - to be lucky

Tener razón - to be correct

Translate the following sentences into Spanish:

1. She is 15 years old.
2. They are hungry.
3. I am sleepy.
4. She is lucky.
5. They are thirsty.
6. We feel like eating.
7. You (plural) are 16 years old.
8. They are hot.
9. I have to work.
10. The boy is cold.
11. We are careful.

12. You (formal) are correct.

13. You all are in a hurry.

14. They are thirsty. (masc.)

15. She is afraid.

16. You feel like dancing. (plural)

17. The students are incorrect.

18. You all have to write a book.

19. He is cold.