

	Tener To have
Tengo	Tenemos
Tienes	
Tiene	Tienen

Most of the time TENER means TO HAVE however we have used TENER at least once where we translated it as TO BE (I am, you are). When was this?

Tengo 15 años
I am 15 yrs old.

Here are some other TENER PHRASES where TENER means TO BE.

- **“Tener” (much) sed**
To be (very) thirsty
Hace mucho calor. Tengo sed.
It’s very hot out. I’m thirsty.
- **“Tener” (much) hambre**
To be (very) hungry
Paco siempre tiene hambre.
Paco is always hungry.
- **“Tener” prisa**
To be in a hurry.
Son las 8 y tengo prisa.
It’s 8 o’clock and I’m in a hurry.
- **“Tener” suerte**
To be lucky
Nunca tengo suerte.
I’m never lucky.

Here are 2 other TENER PHRASES but these do not translate as TO BE

- **“Tener” que + infinitive (unchanged verb)**
To have + to do something
Tengo que estudiar.
I have to study.

¿Tienes que trabajar?
Do you have to work?
- **“Tener” ganas de + infinitive**
To feel like + doing something
No tengo ganas de ir al cine.
I don’t feel like going to the movie theater.

Julio tiene ganas de jugar al basquetbol.

Julio feels like playing basketball.