

SCENE 16 • GRAMMAR

Mi familia y la tuya

Family, possession and age

5 Exercises • Duration: 15 min.

Photos on the wall

Spanish

Read & listen online ↗



Name family relationships

Use **mi madre**, **mi padre**, **mis padres**, **mi hermano** and **mi hermana**.

Padres can mean parents and **hermanos** can mean siblings, including a mixed group. An all-female group is **hermanas**.

Age uses tener

Spanish says **Tengo treinta años**. Use **tener**, not **ser**, for age. Ask **¿Cuántos años tiene?** Babies' ages use **meses**: **Tiene seis meses**. In a photograph, **Aquí tiene veinte años** describes the person in that picture.

Whose family?

Su and **sus** may mean his, her, your politely or their. If this is unclear, name the owner: **la madre de Lucía**. The possessed noun decides singular or plural, not the owner.

GRAMMAR**G1) CHOOSE THE FORM FOR THE MESSAGE**

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 El bebé _____ seis meses.

- ☐ A tiene
- ☐ B está
- ☐ C es

Meaning: The baby is six months old.

2 Clara tiene un hermano. Él es _____ hermano.

- ☐ A su
- ☐ B tus
- ☐ C sus

Meaning: Clara has a brother. He is her brother.

3 Mi padre y mi madre son mis _____.

- ☐ A padres
- ☐ B hermanos
- ☐ C hijos

Meaning: My father and mother are my parents.

G2) COMPLETE A USEFUL EXCHANGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

tiene es

¿Cuántos años _____ su hija?

Meaning: How old is your daughter?

años meses

Mi hermana tiene cuarenta y cuatro _____.

Meaning: My sister is forty-four years old.

mis mi

Estas son _____ hermanas.

Meaning: These are my sisters.

G3) PUT THE MESSAGE TOGETHER

Put the words in order.

- 1 madre Lucía Marta. de es La
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Meaning: Lucía's mother is Marta.

- 2 el tiene bebé? meses ¿Cuántos
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Meaning: How many months old is the baby?

- 3 padres Hamburgo. viven en Mis
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Meaning: My parents live in Hamburg.

G4) CONNECT THE MESSAGE AND ITS MEANING

Match the pairs.

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| ① mis padres | ④ his/her daughter |
| ② su hija | ⑤ I am thirty years old. |
| ③ Tengo treinta años. | ⑥ my parents |

G5) CHECK THE CONTRAST IN A NEW CONTEXT

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

abuela hermana

Marta es mi madre. Elvira es mi _____.

Meaning: Marta is my mother. Elvira is my grandmother.