

Tengo hambre / No tengo...

Having something, choosing tú or usted, and saying no

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

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Having something: tener

Tengo mi llave means I have my key. The subject is normally omitted. The same **tengo** works for a male or female speaker. Spanish does **not** change this verb because the object is feminine.

TENER POSSESSION AND FAMILIAR EXPRESSIONS

Person	Form	Meaning
yo	tengo	I
tú	tienes	you, familiar singular
él / ella / usted	tiene	he / she / you politely
nosotros / nosotras	tenemos	we
vosotros / vosotras	tenéis	you, familiar plural (Spain)
ellos / ellas / ustedes	tienen	they / you politely plural

Tengo mi llave.

I have my key.

Lucía tiene un gato.

Lucía has a cat.

Tenemos hambre.

We are hungry.

¿Tenéis mi llave?

Do you have my key? (familiar plural)

Hunger uses tener

Spanish says **tener hambre**: literally have hunger. Say **Tengo hambre** and **Michi tiene hambre**. **Hunger is the noun in this expression**, so the verb changes with who is hungry. For very hungry say **mucha hambre**, not the adjective pattern **muy bueno**.

Choose the address that fits

With Lucía use **tú** and **tienes**. With Elvira, when you are being polite, use **usted** and **tiene**. **¿Cómo te llamas?** and **¿Cómo se llama?** ask the same name question with familiar and polite address. **Aquí tienes** and **aquí tiene** are the matching handover phrases.

Put no before the conjugated verb

For a negative statement, put **no before the conjugated verb**: **No tengo hambre**. Keep the normal verb form: **Michi no es malo**. **No** can also answer a question by itself. **No, no tengo la llave** means No, I do not have the key.

No tengo hambre.

I am not hungry.

Michi no es malo.

Michi is not naughty.

No tenemos la llave.

We do not have the key.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE WHO THE VERB REFERS TO**

Underline the conjugated verb. Use its form to identify the person.

Meaning: I am hungry.

- 1 Yo tengo hambre.

Meaning: You have my key.

- 2 Tú tienes mi llave.

Meaning: Elvira has a cat.

- 3 Elvira tiene un gato.

Meaning: We are hungry.

- 4 Nosotros tenemos hambre.

Meaning: You have a dog.

- 5 Vosotras tenéis un perro.

Meaning: They have a key.

- 6 Ellos tienen una llave.

G2) WHO HAS IT?

Choose the right word for the gap.

Meaning: I have the key.

- 1 Yo _____ la llave.

- ☐ A tengo
- ☐ B tienes
- ☐ C tiene

Meaning: You have a cat.

- 2 Tú _____ un gato.

- ☐ A tengo
- ☐ B tenemos
- ☐ C tienes

Meaning: Michi is hungry.

3 Michi _____ hambre.

- ☐ A tenéis
- ☐ B tienes
- ☐ C tiene

Meaning: We have a dog.

4 Nosotros _____ un perro.

- ☐ A tengo
- ☐ B tenemos
- ☐ C tienen

Meaning: You have my key (familiar plural).

5 Vosotras _____ mi llave.

- ☐ A tenemos
- ☐ B tiene
- ☐ C tenéis

Meaning: They are hungry.

6 Ellos _____ hambre.

- ☐ A tengo
- ☐ B tiene
- ☐ C tienen

Meaning: Do you have the key (polite)?

7 ¿Usted _____ la llave?

- ☐ A tienes
- ☐ B tenéis
- ☐ C tiene

G3) A DIFFERENT SHORT EXCHANGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

Meaning: Lucía has a cat. Michi is not naughty.

no tengo sí tiene

Lucía _____ un gato. Michi _____ es malo.

Meaning: I am not hungry. My grandmother is hungry.

es tiene no

Yo _____ tengo hambre. Mi abuela sí _____ hambre.

G4) SAY NO CLEARLY

Put the words in order.

Meaning: I am not hungry.

- 1
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Meaning: Lucía does not have my key.

- 2
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Meaning: We are not the new neighbours.

- 3
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G5) CHOOSE THE MATCHING ANSWER

Match the pairs.

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| ① ¿Tiene usted mi llave? | Ⓐ Me llamo Lucía. |
| ② ¿Cómo te llamas? | Ⓑ No, no tengo hambre. |
| ③ ¿Tienes hambre? | Ⓒ Sí, aquí tiene. |

G6) CHOOSE THE RELATIONSHIP

Choose the right words for the situation.

- 1 Elvira has found your key. You want to check politely that she has it. You say:**
- Ⓐ ¿Cómo te llamas?
 - Ⓑ ¿Tienes hambre?
 - Ⓒ ¿Tiene usted mi llave?

2 Lucía offers you food, but you are not hungry. You say:

- ☐ A Aquí tiene su llave.
- ☐ B Sí, tengo hambre.
- ☐ C No, gracias. No tengo hambre.