tener

This came up in class: We learned in Palabras Nuevas the term "tener prisa" and found it to mean "to be in a hurry/rush." Here is additional information about the **Mega Verb Tener** and some of its uses:

Tener:

"Tener" means *"to have"* in English. It's an irregular verb, so its conjugation doesn't follow standard patterns. Here's how it is conjugated in the present tense):

(yo) tengo
(tú) tienes
(él, ella, Usted) tiene
(nosotros/nosotras) tenemos
(ellos, ellas, Ustedes) tienen

Common Uses of "Tener"

1. **To express possession:**

   o Tengo un coche. (*I have a car.*)

   o Ellos tienen una casa grande. (*They have a big house.*)

2. **To talk about age:**

   o ¿Cuántos años tienes? (*How old are you?*)

   o Tengo 25 años. (*I am 25 years old.*)

3. **To express certain physical or emotional states (tener + noun):**

   o Tengo hambre. (*I am hungry.*)

   o Tenemos frío. (*We are cold.*)

   o ¿Tienes sueño? (*Are you sleepy?*)

4. **To express obligation (tener que + infinitive):**

   o Tengo que estudiar. (*I have to study.*)

   o ¿Tienes que trabajar hoy? (*Do you have to work today?*)

5. **Idiomatic expressions:** "Tener" is used in many idiomatic phrases where English would use "to be." For example:

  o Tener razón (*to be right*): Tienes razón. (*You are right.*)

  o Tener prisa (*to be in a hurry*): Tenemos prisa. (*We are in a hurry.*)

  o Tener cuidado (*to be careful*): Ten cuidado. (*Be careful.*)

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