

# Present tense of tener and some tener idioms

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**yo** tengo      nosotros(as) tenemos

tú tienes      vosotros(as) tenéis

Ud., él, ella tiene      Uds., ellos, ellas tienen

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¿**Tienes** un bolígrafo? *Do you have a pen?*

No. **Tengo** un lápiz. *No. I have a pencil.*

## Tener que

- Use **tener que** + **infinitive** to talk about what you have to do.

**Tengo que ir** a un ensayo.

*I have to go to a rehearsal.*