### **IDIOMATIC EXPRESSIONS**

## **WITH "TENER"** (EXPRESIÓNES IDIOMATICAS CON TENER)

**Class objective:** To understand the concept of idiomatic expressions in Spanish.

## Concept A: Descripción

An idiom is an expression that cannot be immediately understood by analyzing its literal meaning.

A few examples of idioms in English are:

- ~ to be "on the go"- to be Very active or busy
- ~ to jump the gun"- to do something too soon or act too hastily

Concept B: Commonly used expressions that use the verb tener + a noun.

These expressions are generally translated into **English with phrases that use** to be (is, am, are, was, were etc.) + an adjective.

In Spanish, we do not use ser or estar, we use tener verbs for all of these expressions.

- 1. **Tener \_ años(m)**: to be \_ years old- **Tiene 25 años** (You are 25 years old.)
- 2. **Tener calor(m)**: to be hot **Los chicos están sudando. Seguramente tienen mucho calor.** (The boys are sweating. They must be feeling very hot.)
- 3. Tener frío (m): to be cold Olvidé mi suéter y ahora tengo mucho frio. (I forgot my sweater, and now I am feeling very cold.)
- 4. **Tener hambre(m)**: to be hungry **Tienen hambre** -(They are hungry.)
- 5. **Tener sed (la)**: to be thirsty **Tengo mucha sed** (I am very thirsty.)
- 6. **Tener sueño (m)**: to be sleepy ¿**Tienes sueño?** (Are you sleepy?)
- 7. **Tener miedo(m) a/de + noun** to be afraid of something- **Tengo miedo de los perros** (I am scared of dogs.)
- 8. **Tener miedo a/de + infinitive** to be afraid to do something- **Many people** are afraid to speak in public-Muchas personas tienen miedo de hablar en público.
- 9. **Tener prisa(f)**: to be in a hurry **Tengo prisa** -(I am in hurry.)
- 10. **Tener razón(f)**: to be right **Tienes razón** (you are right.)

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