



DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HABER & TENER



HABER VS TENER

HABER

Existence, auxiliary, impersonal obligation.



Si ya no **hay** leche, **hay que** traer más.
If **there's** no milk anymore, **let's** bring more.

TENER

Possession and personal obligation.



Si **tienes** mascotas, **tienes que** cuidarlas.
If you **have** pets, you **have** to take care of them.

WHEN TO USE HABER IN SPANISH

EXPRESS EXISTENCE



¿Cuántos gatos hay?
How many cats are there?

AUXILIARY VERB



Ha ido a Europa tres veces.
She's gone to Europe three times.

IMPERSONAL OBLIGATION



Hay que hablar con ella.
We must talk to her.

Note: Impersonal obligation doesn't target anyone specific.

WHEN TO USE TENER IN SPANISH

EXPRESS POSSESSION



¿Cuántos gatos **tienes**? Yo no **tengo** ninguno.
How many cats **do you have**? I **have** none.

OBLIGATION



Tienes que hablar con ella porque yo ya **tengo que** irme.
You **have to** talk to her because I **have to** go now.

Note: The obligation with 'tener' targets someone specific.

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