

## Reference 11.2: Expressions with “ser”, “tener” and “estar”

### las expresiones con “tener”: Expressions with “tener”

**Note:** The expressions with “tener” use “tener” because their literal meaning is not the same. In Spanish, you can only be described with an adjective. Most of the words that follow these expressions are nouns, which is why they are expressed with “tener”. The verbs “ser” and “estar” are used with adjectives.

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| 1. tener calor    | 1. to be hot     |
| 2. tener celos    | 2. to be jealous |
| 3. tener frío     | 3. to be cold    |
| 4. tener ganas de | 4. to feel like  |
| 5. tener miedo    | 5. to be afraid  |
| 6. tener que      | 6. to have to    |
| 7. tener razón    | 7. to be right   |
| 8. tener suerte   | 8. to be lucky   |

### las expresiones con “estar”: Expressions with “estar”

**Note:** The expressions with “estar” describe the state of being. They do not directly describe the noun or pronoun as in its general characteristics.

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| 1. estar cansado           | 1. to be tired              |
| 2. estar contento          | 2. to be content            |
| 3. estar de buen/mal humor | 3. to be in a good/bad mood |
| 4. estar deprimido         | 4. to be depressed          |
| 5. estar energético        | 5. to be energized          |
| 6. estar enojado           | 6. to be mad                |
| 7. estar nervioso          | 7. to be nervous            |
| 8. estar tranquilo/calmo   | 8. to be calm               |
| 9. estar triste            | 9. to be sad                |

### las expresiones con “ser”: Expressions with “ser”

**Note:** The expressions with “ser” directly describe the noun or pronoun. Most of the time “ser” is used with general characteristics of that noun or pronoun, not its state of being.

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| 1. ser agradable  | 1. to be agreeable |
| 2. ser ambicioso  | 2. to be ambitious |
| 3. ser dinámico   | 3. to be dynamic   |
| 4. ser energético | 4. to be energetic |
| 5. ser flexible   | 5. to be flexible  |
| 6. ser impaciente | 6. to be impatient |
| 7. ser paciente   | 7. to be patient   |
| 8. ser perezoso   | 8. to be lazy      |
| 9. ser terco      | 9. to be stubborn  |