## Idioms

Idioms are expressions that do not translate directly from one language to another. Instead of saying, for example, how old someone or something is, Spanish uses the verb **tener**, to have.

Yo tengo treinta años.

I am thirty years old. (literally, I have thirty years.)

## Idioms with the Verb tener

Indeed, there are many Spanish idioms that use the verb tener.

to be \_\_\_\_ years old tener \_\_\_\_ años tener calor to be hot to be jealous tener celos to be careful tener cuidado to be at fault tener la culpa to have a (head)ache, (stomach)ache, etc. tener dolor de (cabeza, estómago, etc.) to be envious tener envidia to be successful, to have success tener éxito to be cold tener frío to want, to desire tener ganas de to be hungry tener hambre to have the floor tener la palabra to take place tener lugar to be afraid of tener miedo de to be in a hurry tener prisa to have to do with tener que ver con to be in a rage, to be very angry tener rabia to be right tener razón to be thirsty tener sed to be sleepy tener sueño to be lucky, to have luck tener suerte to be ashamed tener vergüenza