***Tener/tener que:* Student Resource for Have/Have to**

**tener que: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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| **yo** | tengo que | **nosotros** | tenemos que |
| **tú** | tienes que | **vosotros** | tenéis que |
| **él/ella/usted** | tiene que | **ellos/ellas**  **ustedes** | tienen que |

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| **barrer el suelo** | to sweep the floor | **sacar la basura** | to take out the trash |
| **tender la cama**  **(e 🡪 ie)** | to make the bed | **lavar los platos** | to wash the dishes |
| **quitar el polvo** | to dust | **cortar el césped** | to cut the grass |
| **poner/quitar**  **la mesa** | to set/clear the table | **lavar la ropa** | to wash clothes |
| **a veces** | sometimes | **nunca** | never |
| **siempre** | always | **todos los días** | every day |

***Tener que* works much like *acabar de* and *ir a:* you only conjugate the first verb, and you keep the second one in the infinitive. Try translating the following sentences:**

I have to sweep the floor every day. Yo tengo que barrer el suelo todos los días.

You always have to make the bed. Tú siempre tienes que hacer la cama.

He has to set the table. Él tiene que poner la mesa.

She has to clear the table. Ella tiene que quitar la mesa.

We never have to take out the trash. Nosotros nunca tenemos que sacar la basura.

They have to wash the dishes. Ellos tienen que lavar los platos.

You all have to cut the grass sometimes. Ustedes tienen que cortar el césped a veces.

**Nota Cultural: Quehaceres** (chores)

What are typical chores in your house? Mowing the lawn? Dusting? Washing dishes? Doing laundry? Cleaning the floors? Setting the table? Making the bed? Vacuuming?

Although they are often similar overall (cleaning the floors, doing laundry), what those chores involve in Spanish-speaking countries may be different than what you are used to. For example, appliances such as dishwashers, clothes dryers, vacuums, and even washing machines are not nearly as common as they are in the U.S. Dishes are frequently washed by hand, as are clothes. In many Spanish-speaking countries, a double-basin outdoor sink with a built-in scrubbing board for washing laundry is very common, and wet laundry is usually strung on clotheslines to dry. Floors (which are often tile or cement) are often swept and mopped instead of vacuumed. Sometimes during the hottest part of the year, families in particularly warm areas of Latin America will wash the floor several times a day because the evaporating water helps keep the house cooler. (Air conditioning isn’t as common as it is here either.) Because prepared and frozen foods aren’t as common, cooking is also often a more time-consuming activity than it is for many families in the U.S. Keeping a house can take quite a bit of time.

With so many time-consuming things to do, it might not surprise you to hear that housekeepers and maids are much more common for middle-class families than they are in the United States. The *empleada* (maid) will usually come from 1-7 times a week for a couple hours (depending on what the family can afford) to sweep, do laundry, make the beds, and help the family (usually the mother) do whatever else needs to be done*.* Unfortunately, *empleadas* don’t make very much money despite doing hard work for hours…and not having anyone to help them do all the housekeeping they must do at their own homes.



**¿Cuáles quehaceres haces tú?**