



### **Spanish In Mexico Notes: 12-2 Expressing Need**

As we watched the festival in Taxco, we learned how to use the phrase *tener que* to express what someone has to do. To review, the present tense conjugations of the verb *tener* are:

yo	tengo	nosotros	tenemos
tú	tienes		
él/ella/Ud.	tiene	ellos/ellas/Uds.	tienen

To say that you have to do something, combine the correct conjugation of the phrase *tener que* with another verb. For example:

Yo tengo que comer. – I have to eat.  
Tú tienes que ir. – You have to go.  
Ella tiene que bailar. – She has to dance.  
Nosotros tenemos que practicar. – We have to practice.  
Ellos tienen que cantar. – They have to sing.

#### **Additional Information:**

Another way to express need is to use the verb *necesitar*, which is a regular AR verb. *Necesitar* means ‘to need’ while *tener que* means ‘to have to.’ Like in English, these are often used interchangeably. For example:

Yo necesito ir. – I need to go.  
Ella necesita practicar. – She needs to practice.

#### **Vocabulary:**

mirar – to watch  
bailar – to dance  
cantar – to sing  
comer – to eat  
celebrar – to celebrate

#### **Extended Vocabulary:**

la fiesta – party  
el corazón – heart  
el aplauso – applause  
valorar – to value

la sangre – blood  
el nacimiento – birth  
ante – before, in front of  
el sudor – sweat  
la lágrima – tear, teardrop  
el promedio – average  
la calificación – mark, grade  
el sacrificio – sacrifice  
sobre – above, over