

Catalan for Beginners

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Lesson 1

Lesson 1: English – Catalan: 'have' = tenir – Funny Mini Lesson

Master the English – Catalan verb 'have' – tenir – in a quick, playful mini lesson. Practice essential forms with call-and-response drills, a mini-dialogue, and real-life lines, plus a short culture tip on Castellers. Perfect for English speakers who want clear examples and confident conjugation in minutes.

SynapseLingo Welcome

Hey you! This podcast is brought to you by SynapseLingo – visit www.synapse-lingo.com for more resources.

Today we'll conquer the English – Catalan verb 'have' with laughs, quick drills, and real-life lines. The magic word is tenir. Ready to have some fun with 'have'?

Your goal today

In minutes, you'll say all key forms with confidence.

Your map: Infinitive: tenir. I have: tinc. You have (singular): tu tens. He has: ell té. She has: ella té. It has: té. We have: tenim. You have (plural): vosaltres teniu. They have: tenen.

Mini-dialogue: Keys Panic

Listen, smile, and repeat the punchlines.

- A: Do you have the keys? B: Wait... that means YOU have them: tu tens les claus!
- A: Phew, false alarm – I have them: tinc les claus.
- Friend: Relax – he has the map: ell té el mapa.
- Another friend: And she has snacks: ella té aperitius.
- Narrator: Our bag? It has water: té aigua.
- Team: Great, we have everything: tenim de tot!
- Guide to the group: You (plural) have the tickets: vosaltres teniu les entrades.
- Crowd: They have the last two seats: tenen els dos últims seients.

Rhythm drill

Clap or tap as you echo me – keep it bouncy.

- Say 'I have a book': Answer: tinc un llibre.

- Say 'Do you have time?' (to one friend): Answer: tu tens temps?
- Say 'He has a great idea': Answer: ell té una gran idea.
- Say 'She has the ticket': Answer: ella té l'entrada.
- Say 'It has 5G': Answer: té 5G.
- Say 'We have time': Answer: tenim temps.
- Say 'You (plural) have a table': Answer: vosaltres teniu una taula.
- Say 'They have two cats': Answer: tenen dos gats.

Culture tip: Castellers

A quick culture bite to lock in the verb.

In Catalonia, Castellers build human towers. The team *tenen força* and trust, and crowds cheer 'we have it!' – *tenim això!* Use *tenir* for possession and set phrases like '*tenen gana*' (they're hungry).

Quiz time

Quick fire – answer out loud, then check.

- English to Catalan: 'have' (infinitive). Answer: *tenir*.
- 'She has' – say it. Answer: *ella té*.
- Fill the blank: ' - - - - les claus' = We have the keys.
Answer: *tenim les claus*.
- True or false: *vosaltres teniu* means you (plural) have.
Answer: True!

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- Quick pick: Which form is 'they have' – teniu or tenen? Answer: tenen.

Challenge mode

Try these real-life lines – beat the pause!

- Say to a group: 'You have a discount today.' Model: vosaltres teniu un descompte avui.
- At a shop: 'Do they have bread?' Model: Tenen pa?
- At the door: 'He has the keys, right?' Model: ell té les claus, oi?
- Brag a bit: 'I have a plan!' Model: tinc un pla!

Wrap-up

You nailed it!

Nice work! You now have the whole set: tenir, tinc, tu tens, ell té, ella té, té, tenim, vosaltres teniu, tenen. Keep practicing a few lines every day. This session was brought to you by SynapseLingo – thanks for listening! For more lessons and freebies, visit www.synapse-lingo.com. See you next time!

Lesson 2

Lesson 2: English to Catalan: be = ser, master I am and you are

Brought to you by SynapseLingo, this fun English – Catalan mini-podcast helps you learn the Catalan verb ser fast. Practice key forms: sóc (I am), ets (you are), ell és, ella és, és (he/she/it is), som (we are), sou (you are, plural), ells són (they are). Perfect for learners searching “learn Catalan,” “English Catalan,” “Catalan verb ser,” and “I am sóc, you are ets.” Get context, jokes, and drills to make ‘be’ in Catalan stick – then visit www.synapse-lingo.com for more.

Welcome from SynapseLingo

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Today you and I will master the English ‘be’ – in Catalan that’s ser. Expect jokes, quick drills, and a mini-scene so

you can say I am, you are, he is, she is, it is, we are, you are (plural), and they are with confidence.

Your goal today

By the end, you'll say all forms of 'be' in Catalan without blinking. Ready?

- be = ser
- I am = sóc
- you are = ets
- he is = ell és
- she is = ella és
- it is = és
- we are = som
- you are (plural) = sou
- they are = ells són

Forms chant

Quick call-and-response – say the English in your head, then the Catalan out loud. I'll leave tiny pauses. Go!

- I am... sóc!
- you are... ets!
- he is... ell és!
- she is... ella és!

- it is... és!
- we are... som!
- you are (plural)... sou!
- they are... ells són!
- Pro tip: permanent identity? Use ser. If you wanted temporary state, that's another verb – park it for later!

Mini-dialogue: The meetup

Let's drop you into a fun scene. You're at a language meetup. Smile on, coffee in hand.

You: Hi, I am new – jo sóc nou aquí. Host: Great! You are the first today – ets el primer avui. Pointing across the room: He is the organizer – ell és l'organitzador. She is the photographer – ella és la fotògrafa. You point at the snack table: It is delicious – és deliciós. A group waves: We are the study squad – som l'equip d'estudi. You shout to several newcomers: You are welcome – sou benvinguts! The host wraps up: They are our Catalan pros – ells són els cracks del català. Comedic aside: The coffee machine says, "I am decaf." You: Nice try, liar.

Quick drills

Now you fire the engines – short lines, big wins. Repeat after me.

- Identity: I am a student → sóc estudiant.
- Compliment a friend: You are brave → ets valent.
- Introduce someone: He is my friend → ell és el meu amic.

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- At an award: She is the winner → ella és la guanyadora.
 - Pointing: It is true → és veritat.
 - Team spirit: We are ready → som llestos.
 - To a group: You are amazing → sou increïbles.
 - At the gate: They are from Valencia → ells són de València.

Culture tip

A tiny culture snack keeps memory tasty.

Shakespeare goes Catalan as “Ser o no ser” – to be or not to be. At human towers (castellers), the crowd roars “som una pinya!” – we are one base. In stadiums you’ll hear “sou els millors!” – you are the best. Keep the accent in és; without it, you’ve got a different word.

Lightning quiz

Answer out loud; I’ll reveal the Catalan after a short pause.

- Translate: I am → sóc.
- Translate: you are (singular) → ets.
- Translate: he is → ell és.
- Translate: she is → ella és.
- Translate: it is → és.
- Translate: we are → som.
- Translate: you are (plural) → sou.

- Translate: they are → ells són.
- Bonus: the base verb be → ser.

Challenge and outro

Time to lock it in with a fun challenge.

- Challenge: Record yourself saying all nine in order – be, I am, you are, he is, she is, it is, we are, you are (plural), they are – then give the Catalan: ser, sóc, ets, ell és, ella és, és, som, sou, ells són. Post it to your study chat for instant hero status.
- Thanks for listening! Keep practicing a little every day, and when in doubt, breathe and say it again. This episode is brought to you by SynapseLingo – grab more lessons, transcripts, and drills at www.synapse-lingo.com. You've got this!

Lesson 3

Lesson 3: Learn Catalan Fast: go = anar – English – Catalan Verb Sprint

Learn the essential present-tense forms of the Catalan verb anar (“to go”) with rhythmic drills, mini dialogues, and a quick quiz. Practice jo vaig, tu vas, ell va/ella va, anem, aneu, ells van, plus the casual va fent. A fast, friendly session for English speakers building Catalan confidence.

Welcome to SynapseLingo

Hey you, ready to level up your Catalan in a fun sprint? Let's make it stick and smile while we do it!

This show is brought to you by SynapseLingo – your smart companion for language breakthroughs. Visit www.synapse-lingo.com for free guides, drills, and more. Today we crack the verb “to go”: English to Catalan, sim-

ple, rhythmic, and a bit silly so you remember it forever.

Your goal today

You'll speak and understand the most common forms of "to go" in Catalan with confidence.

- Source words roll-call: go, I go, you go, he goes, she goes, it's going, we go, you go (plural), they go.
- Catalan toolkit: anar, jo vaig, tu vas (you go, singular), ell va, ella va, va fent (it's going), anem, aneu (you go, plural), ells van.
- Tip: In real life, you'll hear these everywhere – from metro signs to café chit-chat.

Forms with rhythm

Clap or tap along – rhythm makes memory sticky. Ready?

- I go – jo vaig. You go (sing.) – tu vas. He goes – ell va. She goes – ella va.
- We go – anem. You go (plural) – aneu. They go – ells van.
- Infinitive "go" – anar. Casual status "it's going" – va fent.
- Chant it smooth: jo vaig, tu vas, ell va, ella va, anem, aneu, ells van. Your brain is dancing already.

Mini dialogues

Let's drop you into tiny scenes you can act out right now.

- A: How's the project? B: Va fent.
- A: Ready? Let's go! B: Anem!
- A: You go first; I go after. B: Okay – tu vas primer, jo vaig després.
- A: He goes by bus; she goes on foot. B: Ell va en autobús; ella va a peu.
- A: Where do we go? B: Anem al parc. If you're a group, you go this way: aneu recte i després a l'esquerra.
- Narrator: It's Saturday, and they go to the market – ells van al mercat, obviously for churros.

Culture tip

A little culture color helps phrases lock in.

In Catalonia, weekend hikers love to say anem right before the first step – it's the green light word. At castellers (human towers), one nod from the leader and boom – anem and the whole team moves as one. In small talk, “Com va?” often gets the chill reply va fent – like saying “it's going,” calm and steady.

Quick quiz (you've got this!)

Answer out loud. Then I'll reveal it. No pressure – only progress.

- Translate: they go → Answer: ells van.
- Translate: we go → Answer: anem.
- How do you say: it's going → Answer: va fent.
- You go (plural) – say it → Answer: aneu.
- He goes → Answer: ell va.
- She goes → Answer: ella va.
- I go → Answer: jo vaig.
- Go (infinitive) → Answer: anar.
- You go (singular) → Answer: tu vas.

Fun challenge + wrap-up

Time for a tiny story using everything – you can do it!

- Challenge: Say a 2 – 3 line story that includes these English prompts – go, I go, you go, he goes, she goes, it's going, we go, you go (plural), they go – sprinkling the Catalan: anar, jo vaig, tu vas, ell va, ella va, va fent, anem, aneu, ells van.
- Thanks for listening! Keep a daily micro-practice: 2 minutes of out-loud forms beats 20 minutes of silence. For more lessons, printables, and bite-size drills, visit www.synapse-lingo.com. This episode was brought to you by SynapseLingo – see you next time, and anem to your next win!