

# Galician for Beginners

Practical Learning with SynapseLingo

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# Lesson 1

## Lesson 1: English – Galician: have vs ter – Fun, Fast Verb Guide

*Boost your English – Galician skills with a funny mini-lesson on the verb “have” and its Galician twin ter. We’ll nail every form: have, I have, you have, he has, she has, it has, we have, you have (plural), they have – with teño, ti tes, el ten, ela ten, ten, temos, tedes, teñen. Perfect for beginners who want clear patterns, real examples, and a laugh.*

### Welcome from SynapseLingo

Hey du! This podcast is brought to you by SynapseLingo – grab more resources at [www.synapse-lingo.com](http://www.synapse-lingo.com). Ready to learn and laugh?

Today we match English “have” with Galician ter, and we’ll make the forms stick. Quick cross-check with German for context: haben, ich habe, du hast, er hat, sie hat, es



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hat, wir haben, ihr habt, sie haben – now let's map them to English and Galician!

## **Your learning goal today**

By the end, you can say every 'have' form confidently. Keep your ears open and your smile on!

- have → ter
- I have → teño
- you have (sing.) → ti tes
- he has → el ten
- she has → ela ten
- it has → ten
- we have → temos
- you have (plural) → tedes
- they have → teñen

## **Forms that stick**

Repeat after me – rhythm helps memory. Clap or snap on each pause.

- I have a plan → Teño un plan.
- You have the key (sing.) → Ti tes a chave.
- He has a map → El ten un mapa.
- She has coffee → Ela ten café.

- It has two wheels → Ten dúas rodas.
- We have time → Temos tempo.
- You have tickets (plural) → Tedes as entradas.
- They have friends → Teñen amizades.

## Silly dialogues

Let's play out tiny scenes – short, funny, and useful.

- A: Do you have the keys? B: Yup – Teño as chaves.  
A: Great, because I don't even have pockets.
- A: Hey, do I have the map or do you have it? B: Títes o mapa; I have snacks – priorities.
- A: Who has the umbrella? B: El ten o paraugas. A: Classic. He has the shade and I have the frizz.
- A: Does Ana have the charger? B: Si, ela ten o cargador. A: She has everything – legend.
- A: Does the bike have lights? B: Ten unha luz traseira e dianteira. Safety first!
- A: Do we have time? B: Temos cinco minutos... speed-walk!
- A: Do you have the tickets, team? B: Si, tedes as entradas... wait, we do? A: Yes, because I put them in your group chat – printouts!
- A: Do they have questions? B: Teñen unha chea... brace yourself.

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## Culture tip: Camino vibes

A little culture makes words memorable.

- On the Camino de Santiago, you'll hear teamwork words: "We have strength" → Temos forza.
- Santiago itself? "It has a stunning cathedral" → Ten unha catedral fermosa.
- Pilgrims often carry little: "They have only what they need" → Teñen só o necesario.
- Pro tip: don't confuse "there is/are" (hai) with "have" (ter). Example: "There is bread" → Hai pan; "I have bread" → Teño pan.

## Quiz time

Quick-fire! Say it out loud, then I'll answer.

- Translate: he has → Answer: el ten.
- Translate: we have → Answer: temos.
- Translate: they have → Answer: teñen.
- Translate: you have (sing.) → Answer: ti tes.
- Translate: you have (plural) → Answer: tedes.
- Translate: I have → Answer: teño.
- Translate the base verb: have → Answer: ter.

## Speed challenge

Beat the clock – repeat each form after me. Go!

- have → ter I have → teño you have (sing.) → ti tes
- he has → el ten she has → ela ten it has → ten
- we have → temos you have (plural) → tedes they have → teñen
- Bonus negation: I don't have → non teño; we don't have → non temos.

## Goodbye and keep going

Nice work! You owned this lesson.

Thanks for listening – practice a few times today: say I have, you have, he has, she has, it has, we have, you have (plural), they have, then swap in teño, ti tes, el ten, ela ten, ten, temos, tedes, teñen. This episode was brought to you by SynapseLingo; visit [www.synapse-lingo.com](http://www.synapse-lingo.com) for more learning fun. See you next time!

## Lesson 2

# Lesson 2: English – Galician: To be = ser – Quick, Funny Guide

*Boost your English – Galician learning with a fun, speaking-first lesson on the verb “to be” = ser. Master the present forms – son, ti es, el é, ela é, é, somos, vós sodes, eles son – with easy dialogues, drills, and a quick quiz. Perfect for beginners: key phrases like “I am,” “you are,” “he/she/it is,” “we are,” “you (pl.) are,” and “they are” become natural fast. Brought to you by SynapseLingo – visit [www.synapse-lingo.com](http://www.synapse-lingo.com) for more Galician resources.*

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Ready to master English – Galician “to be” – that’s ser? Buckle up for jokes, chants, and tiny challenges.

## Your goal today

In just a few minutes, you'll say who you are, where you're from, and who people are – with confidence.

Goal: Learn the present forms of *ser* – *son*, *ti es*, *el é*, *ela é*, *é*, *somos*, *vós sodes*, *eles son* – and use them in real mini-scenes.

## Forms with rhythm

Clap with me and repeat; we'll go from singular to plural. Keep your pronunciation crisp.

- To be: *ser*.
- I am: *son*.
- You are (singular): *ti es*.
- He is: *el é*.
- She is: *ela é*.
- It is: *é*.
- We are: *somos*.
- You are (plural): *vós sodes*.
- They are: *eles son*.
- Fun reminder: “I cheddar *ser* myself!” – yes, even cheese has identity.

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## Mini dialogues

Now, quick scenes – repeat the Galician after me. Smile; it helps memory.

- A: Who are you? B: I am Alex → Son Alex.
- A: Where are you from? B: We are from Galicia → Somos de Galicia.
- A: Who is he? B: El é the guide → El é o guía.
- A: And her? B: Ela é the engineer → Ela é enxeñeira.
- Pointing at a book: It is mine → É meu.
- At the door: You are the new neighbors (plural) → Vós sodes os novos veciños.
- At the stage: They are the winners → Eles son os gañadores.
- Self-intro: I am a student → Son estudante.

## Drill and negation

Let's flip yes to no – identity style. Say it out loud with me.

- Affirm: He is my friend → El é o meu amigo.
- Negate: He is not my friend → El non é o meu amigo.
- Affirm: You are from Vigo (sing.) → Ti es de Vigo.
- Negate: You are not from Vigo → Ti non es de Vigo.
- Affirm: We are a team → Somos un equipo.
- Negate: We are not tourists → Non somos turistas.

- Heads-up: Identity uses *ser*; for temporary states, use *estar* (e.g., “we are ready” = *estamos listos*).

## Culture tip

A tiny trip to Galicia in your ears.

On the Camino de Santiago, you'll hear identity with pride: *Son peregrino*; at a Celta game: *Somos celestes*; on a museum label: *É romano*. Use *ser* to name essence – who you are, where you're from, what something is.

## Quick quiz

Answer out loud; I'll give you the solution after a beat.

- Translate: I am from Galicia. Answer: *Son de Galicia*.
- Translate: You are amazing (sing.). Answer: *Ti es increíble*.
- Translate: She is a doctor. Answer: *Ela é médica*.
- Translate: It is important. Answer: *É importante*.
- Translate: We are friends. Answer: *Somos amigos*.
- Translate: You are students (plural). Answer: *Vós sodes estudantes*.
- Translate: They are from Vigo. Answer: *Eles son de Vigo*.



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## Wrap-up

Great job! You nailed the core of identity in Galician.

Thanks for listening! Keep practicing ser: son, ti es, el é, ela é, é, somos, vós sodes, eles son. This episode was brought to you by SynapseLingo – grab more tips and exercises at [www.synapse-lingo.com](http://www.synapse-lingo.com). See you next time!

## Lesson 3

# Lesson 3: English to Galician: go = ir – Present Tense Power

*Brought to you by SynapseLingo, this English-to-Galician mini-lesson makes the verb “go” easy and fun. Learn the Galician verb ir with core forms: he goes el vai, it goes vai, we go imos, you (plural) go ides, they go eles van. Practice real-life phrases, quick drills, and a playful dialogue to lock it in. Visit [www.synapse-lingo.com](http://www.synapse-lingo.com) for more English – Galician learning goodness.*

## Welcome – SynapseLingo

Hey du, welcome! Let's make Galician flow today.

This episode is brought to you by SynapseLingo – your playful path to languages. Visit [www.synapse-lingo.com](http://www.synapse-lingo.com) for more resources. Today we connect English “go” with Galician ir and its everyday forms so you can speak right away.

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## Your goal today

Du, here's your mission – clear, simple, and powerful.

Master: “go” → ir; “he goes” → el vai; “it goes” → vai; “we go” → imos; “you (plural) go” → ides; “they go” → eles van. You'll hear them, say them, and use them in context.

## Quick form jam

Repeat after me, du! Keep it punchy.

- go → ir
- he goes → el vai
- it goes → vai
- we go → imos
- you (plural) go → ides
- they go → eles van
- Speed round: go, go, go → ir, ir, ir!

## Mini dialogue: Let's move!

Du, play both roles and smile while you speak.

- A: Let's go now?
- B: Yes – imos!
- A: He goes by bus.
- B: Right, el vai by bus; we go on foot – imos a pé.
- A: The gate turns green and it goes.

- B: Exactly – vai!
- A: Look, they go to the beach later.
- B: Cool – eles van á praia.
- A: And you (plural) go first, team.
- B: Got it – ides primeiro!

## **Culture tip: Camino energy**

A tiny story to anchor the words in your memory, du.

On Galicia's Camino de Santiago, sunrise feels like a chorus – “we go” imos, “they go” eles van, and the road itself whispers “go” ir. If someone asks “How’s it going?”, you’ll even hear “it goes” as vai.

## **Drills: Fast and friendly**

Say it out loud, du – short bursts, big gains.

- Say “we go” → imos.
- Tell a group: “you (plural) go” first → ides primeiro.
- Point at a machine: “it goes” → vai.
- Narrate a friend: “he goes” early → el vai cedo.
- Cheer the crowd: “they go!” → eles van!
- Root form “go” → ir.