Tener y Doler



Tener can be used to talk about...

- Having an object.
 Yo tengo un gato.
 I have a cat.
- "Having" relatives.
 Ella tiene dos hermanas.
 - She has two sisters.
- Having years.
 - Yo tengo catorce años.
 - I have fourteen years.
 - I am fourteen years old.

• Having pain.

- Yo tengo dolor en la cabeza.
- I have pain in my head.
 - I have a headache.
- It is used to say that you have pain in a part of your body.
- dolor = pain

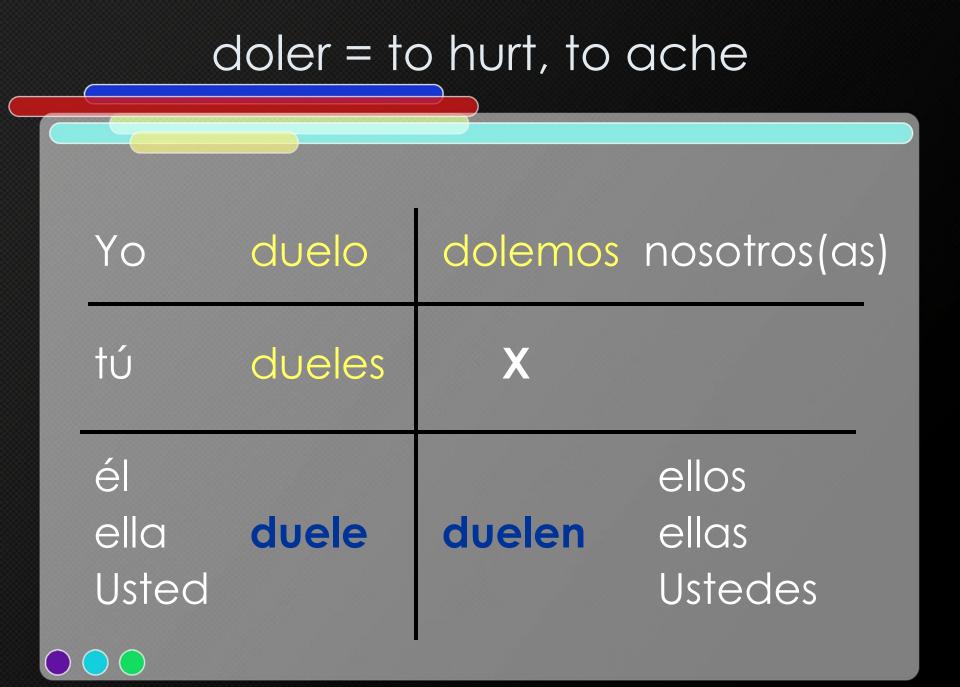


doler = to hurt, to ache

- The verb **doler** is a reflexive verb used to express pain.
- All that means is that you don't hurt, your body part is "reflecting hurt" back onto you.
- Let's take a look...







3rd person singular = duele

- We are really concerned with the "él" form duele.
- This is the closest we can get to "it".
- As in, "it hurts me"
- Me duele el dedo.



My finger hurts (me).

Un otro ejemplo...



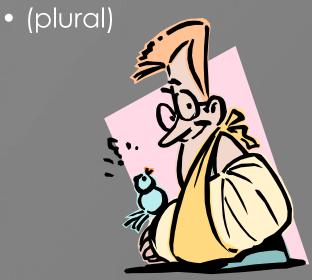
Me duele la cabeza.My head hurts (me).

 It is my head that is doing the hurting.

3^{rd} person plural = duelen

- Well, that's not so bad, but what if more than one thing hurts you?
- Good question!
- Let's take a look...

- Me duelen los brazos.
 - My arms hurt me.
 - The things doing the hurting are my arms

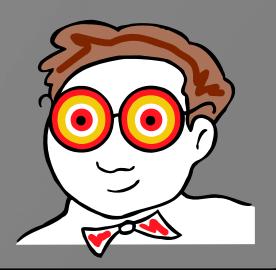




Here are a few more...

- Once you get used to the pattern, this is really easy!
- Me duelen los manos.
 My hands hurt (me).
- Me duelen los ojos.
 My eyes hurt (me).







Yeah, but...

 What happens if someone else is hurt, not you?

 That's easy – it follows the same pattern except you use "le" to mean him or her!

Let's take a look...

- Le duele el brazo.
 - His/her arm hurts (him or her).
- Le duelen los brazos.
 - His/her arms hurt (him or her).
- **Remember**, the verb matches the thing (or things) doing the hurting; not the person being hurt.

Okay, so you got it...

 But what about telling about how your whole body feels?

For these expressions, use the verbs Tener (because you have something, like a fever) Estar (because it is how you are doing right now)

Here's where it gets fun!





Use the "yo" form of estar to express feelings or emotions.

• Estoy muy bien.



• Estoy feliz.



Estoy triste.

Estoy enojado.

Use the "yo" form of tener to say you are ill.



Or to say you are hungry or thirsty.

• Tengo hambre. (I have hunger – I am hungry.)





• Tengo sed. (I have thirst – I am thirsty)







How'd ya do?

