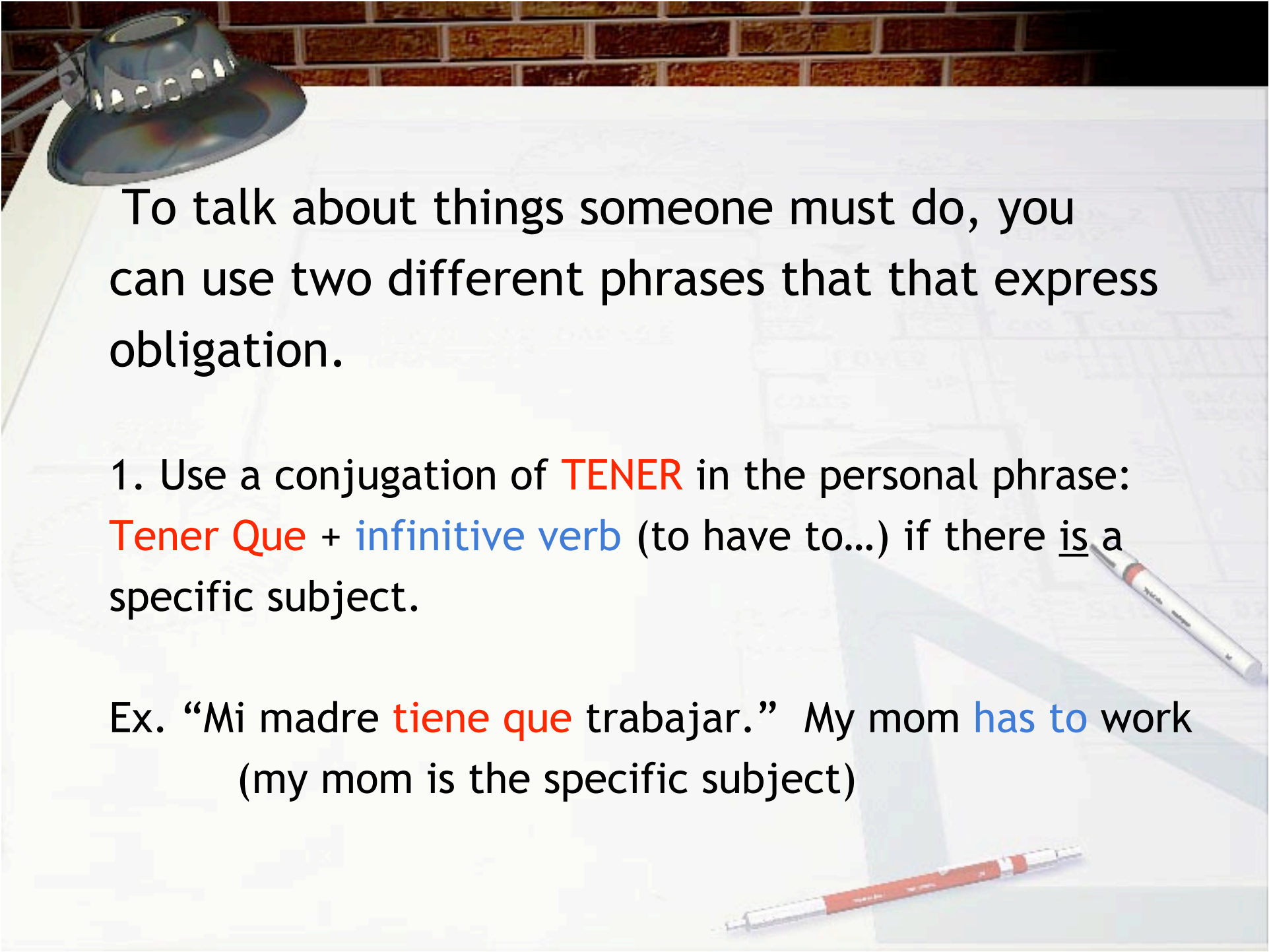




Expressing Obligation with “HAY QUE” and “TENER QUE”

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To talk about things someone must do, you can use two different phrases that express obligation.

1. Use a conjugation of **TENER** in the personal phrase: **Tener Que** + **infinitive verb** (to have to...) if there is a specific subject.

Ex. “Mi madre **tiene que** trabajar.” My mom **has to** work
(my mom is the specific subject)

A desk lamp with a silver base and a glass globe is positioned in the top left corner. The background is a wall of red bricks. Below the lamp, a large sheet of white paper with faint architectural blueprints is spread out. Two pens, one silver and one red, are lying on the paper. The text is overlaid on the paper.

2. Use the impersonal phrases:

Hay Que + **infinitive verb** (one should/must...) if there is no specific subject.

* Do not conjugate

Ex. “**Hay que** trabajar.” One should work.

It is important to work.

(There is no specific subject)