



SPANISH TABLE

Hay vs. estar



Tenses of haber when used to express existence

| Indicative | haber | Example with singular or plural noun | Translation |
|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| present | <i>Hay</i> | <i>un libro.</i> | There is a book. |
| preterite | <i>Hubo</i> | <i>una reunión.</i> | There was a meeting. |
| imperfect | <i>Había</i> | <i>mucha gente.</i> | There were many people. |
| future | <i>Habrá</i> | <i>dos opciones.</i> | There will be two options. |
| present perfect | <i>Ha habido</i> | <i>confusión.</i> | There has been confusion. |
| past perfect | <i>Había habido</i> | <i>un gran concierto.</i> | There had been a great concert. |

| Subjunctive | Main clause | haber | Example with singular or plural noun | Translation |
|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| present | <i>Espero que no</i> | <i>haya</i> | <i>errores.</i> | I hope there are no errors. |
| imperfect | <i>Esperaba que no</i> | <i>hubiera</i> | <i>errores.</i> | I was hoping there were no errors. |
| present perfect | <i>Espero que no</i> | <i>haya habido</i> | <i>una fiesta sin mí.</i> | I hope there hasn't been a party without me. |
| past perfect | <i>Esperaba que no</i> | <i>hubiera habido</i> | <i>clase.</i> | I was hoping there hadn't been class. |

| Conditional | haber | Example with singular or plural noun | Translation |
|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| conditional simple | <i>Habría</i> | <i>una explicación.</i> | There would be an explanation. |
| conditional perfect | <i>Habría habido</i> | <i>miles de asistentes.</i> | There would have been thousands of attendees. |

IMPORTANT: Never use *hay* with continuous tenses.

IMPORTANT: The verb *haber* has another important function in Spanish. It is used as the auxiliary of the compound tenses like the present perfect: *He comido* [I have eaten]. In this case, *haber* does have a different form per pronoun.

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