

Attitudinal idiomatic expressions

To express feelings in Spanish there is a group of very recurrent verbs which usually occur in the third person following a personal pronoun: **me... / te... / le... / nos... / os... / les...**

Me gusta...	Me encanta...	Me fascina...	Me apasiona...
Me apetece...	Me importa...	Me divierte...	Me entretiene...
Me interesa	Me mola...	Me atrae...	Me aburre...
Me molesta...	Me fastidia...	Me marea...	Me descoloca...
Me preocupa...	Me extraña...	Me choca...	Me sorprende...

Following the same pattern, notice how many feelings and sensations can be expressed with just the verb “*dar*” plus a noun:

• ME DA...	=	IT MAKES ME...
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...hambre / sueño / sed	...hungry / sleepy / thirsty
...frío / calor / escalofríos	...cold / hot / shiver
...nauseas / vértigo	...sick / dizzy
...tos / hipo /	...cough / hiccup
...envidia / celos...	...envious / jealous
...no-sé-qué / pena / lástima	...feel awkward / sorry / sad

• ME DA...	=	?
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...dolor de cabeza...	It gives me a headache
...dentera / repelús	It gives me the shivers
...pánico / canguelo	It gets me the jitters
...miedo / pánico / horror	It frightens / scares / terrifies me
...rabia / asco / angustia	It infuriates / disgusts / distresses me
...gustito	It pleases me a lot
...apuro / corte / vergüenza	I'm embarrassed
...mala espina	I'm suspicious
...la corazonada	I've got a hunch
...igual / lo mismo / de la'o	It's all the same to me
...pereza	I can't be bothered

Notice the plural:

ME DAN GANAS DE...

ME ESTÁN DANDO/ENTRANDO GANAS DE...

I sort of feel like...