

Lección 7: Perspectivas laborales

Spanish IV

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Artículos

0 Alguien leyó algun artículo?..

0 Voy a recoger las FICHAS el miércoles.

The passive **se**

- In Spanish, the pronoun **se** is often used to express the passive voice when the agent performing the action is not stated. The third person singular verb form is used with singular nouns, and the third person plural form is used with plural nouns.

Se subirán los impuestos a final de año.

Taxes will be raised at the end of the year.

Se necesita un cajero automático en este edificio.

An ATM is needed in this building

7.3 Uses of se



*—Para trabajar en recursos humanos
se requieren ciertas cualidades.*

- When the passive **se** refers to a specific person or persons, the personal **a** is used and the verb is always singular.

Se despidió al vendedor por llegar tarde.

The salesperson was fired for being late.

Se informó a los dueños de los cambios en el presupuesto.

The owners were informed of the budget changes.

The impersonal *se*

- **Se** is also used with third person singular verbs in impersonal constructions where the subject of the sentence is indefinite. In English, the words *one*, *people*, *we*, *you*, or *they* are often used for this purpose.

Se habla mucho de la crisis.

People are talking about the crisis a lot.

¿Se puede vivir sin dinero?

Can one live without money?

Se dice que es mejor prestar que pedir prestado.

They say it is better to lend than to borrow.

No **se debe** invertir todo en la bolsa de valores.

You shouldn't invest everything in the stock market.

- Constructions with the impersonal **se** are often used on signs and warnings.

Se habla español.
We speak Spanish.

Se busca camarero.
Waiter wanted.

Se alquilan apartamentos.
Apartments for rent.

No se aceptan tarjetas de crédito.
We don't accept credit cards.

Se to express unexpected events



*Al entrevistador **se le ha olvidado** la valoración personal.*

- **Se** is also used in statements that describe accidental or unplanned incidents. In this construction, the agent who performs the action is de-emphasized, implying that the incident is not his or her direct responsibility.

| | INDIRECT OBJECT PRONOUN | VERB | SUBJECT |
|-----------|-------------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Se | me | perdió | el reloj. |

- In this construction, the person(s) to whom the event happened is/are expressed as an indirect object. What would normally be the direct object of the English sentence becomes the subject of the Spanish sentence.

| INDIRECT OBJECT PRONOUN | VERB | SUBJECT |
|-------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|
| Se | me | acabó <i>el dinero.</i> |
| | te | cayeron <i>las gafas.</i> |
| | le | ocurrió <i>una buena idea.</i> |
| | nos | dañó <i>la radio.</i> |
| | os | olvidaron <i>las llaves.</i> |
| | les | perdió <i>el documento.</i> |

- These verbs are frequently used with **se** to describe unplanned events.

acabar *to finish, to run out*

caer *to fall, to drop*

dañar *to damage, to break*

ocurrir *to occur*

olvidar *to forget*

perder (e:ie) *to lose*

quedar *to leave behind*

romper *to break*

Se me quedó la tarjeta de crédito en el almacén.

I left my credit card at the store.

Se nos dañó la computadora en la reunión con los ejecutivos.

Our computer broke at the meeting with the executives.

- To clarify or emphasize the person(s) to whom the unexpected occurrence happened, the construction sometimes begins with **a** + [noun] or **a** + [prepositional pronoun].

A **María** siempre se le olvida pagar los impuestos.

María always forgets to pay her taxes.

A **mí** se me cayeron todos los documentos en medio de la calle.

I dropped all the documents in the middle of the street.

Práctica

0 Completa los ejercicios 1, 2 y 3 de la página 256.

0 Pequeño ejercicio...

0 Crea un poster (afiche) en español de publicidad de algún negocio en donde uses la mayor cantidad de oraciones con el pronombre impersonal SE... Puede ser un afiche en donde explicas que SE HACE en el lugar. Agrega un logo de tu negocio en el afiche.