

Español 4

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Objective

In this lesson, we will learn how to use the accidental se

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Learning Target:

After this lesson, students will be able to:

- Understand when to use the accidental Se
- Conjugate a verb using the accidental Se with Indirect Object Pronouns

(Bell ringer):

Write the meaning of the words in English.

acabar

caer

dañar

olvidar

perder

quedar

quemar

romper



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When unexpected events happen, they're expressed in Spanish with the *se* accidental (accidental *se*). As you can see, we can't exactly translate the word *se* by itself into English. What you need to know is that we must say *se* in front of a verb that expresses an unexpected event. First, we need to learn those verbs and how to use them.

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Practice for Student

Using Se for Other People

We can also use se for other people. For instance, now it's Pablo's mom's turn to tell dad all about the situation. She says:

A Pablo **se le cayó** el frasco de salsa de tomate, se le rompieron los lentes y se le perdió tu placa de policía. This means, 'The tomato sauce jar got dropped, the glasses got broken, and your police badge got lost by Pablo.'

As we can see, Pablo's mom says se le when reporting about him. We need to remember two things:

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1. We use se plus a personal pronoun depending on the person who directly suffers the unexpected event.
2. We use a different form of the verb depending on the number of things involved in the accident.

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Let's look at each of these aspects, highlighting what we say depending on who the unfortunate person is:

If Subject Pronoun is:

yo (I)

tú' (you, informal/singular)

él, ella, usted (he, she, you formal/singular)

nosotros (we)

vosotros (you, informal/plural)

ustedes, ellos, ellas (you formal/plural)

Then We Say:

se me

se te

se le

se nos

se os

se les

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Examples

Now, let's use what we've learned. In these examples, note that the English translation may sound odd, but it's presented to illustrate the Spanish meaning of the accidental se.

When Pablo got home he realized all his textbooks remained in his locker. He thought:
Se me quedaron los libros. This means, 'My books got left behind.'

Things got worse: When he opened his backpack, he found the locker's key with the lock. He thought:

Se me olvidó cerrar la casilla. This means, 'To close the locker got forgotten by me.'

Practice for Student

Te toca a ti

Fill the blank space

Al niño ____ ____ perdió su juguete (The boy lost his toy)

____ ____ cayó la bandeja de comida (I dropped the food tray)

____ ____ olvidó llamarte cuando llegamos (We forgot to call you when we arrived)

____ ____ rompieron las pantimedias (Your pantyhose broke)

____ ____ triste porque se le quemó la cena (She is sad because her dinner was burned)

Estoy molesta, ____ ____ derramó el café en el sofá nuevo (I'm upset, I spilled coffee on the new sofa)

**Con Cariño las maestras Cuquita, Dora y Jessica.
Los extrañamos. 😊**

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