

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

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Traduce la infografía.



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Se accidental

In a separate post on reflexive pronouns in Spanish, we talked about the reflexive se and how it is used.

Today, we'll focus on a related topic – the accidental se in Spanish.

Before we continue, it's important that you have a solid understanding of reflexive pronouns in Spanish.

Reflexive pronouns help us indicate that an action is being performed by the same person who receives the effects of that action.

For example, instead of saying:

Hice la cena para mi – I made dinner for me

You can say:

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Me hice la cena – I made myself dinner

If you aren't familiar with reflexive pronouns in Spanish, then we recommend that you read this guide first. [Reflexive Verbs](#)

Now, let's talk about the accidental se in Spanish.

The accidental SE (or accidental reflexive) is a structure that we use, normally to imply that something happened by accident or unintentionally.

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The formula is simple:

se + indirect object pronoun + conjugated verb + noun

In this structure, the indirect object pronoun (me, te, le, nos, les) is used to indicate who or what the action happened to.

It's also worth noting that the conjugated verb will always agree with the noun that follows it, rather than the subject.

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Let's see some examples of this in action.

Se me cayó el teléfono en el agua – I dropped my phone in the water

(A él) Se le olvidó la tarea – He forgot his homework

(A ella) Se le cayó su bolso – She dropped her bag

Remember, the accidental se in Spanish is used to express something that happened unexpectedly or accidentally.



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A by product of this is that you'll often end up using the same verbs, and below are the most common ones to know.

English	Spanish	Reflexive
To forget	Olvidar	Olvidarse
To break	Romper	Romperse
To leave behind	Quedar	Quedarse
To get dirty	Ensuciar	Ensuciarse
To drop/to fall	Caer	Caerse
To run out	Acabar	Acabarse
To burn	Quemar	Quemarse
To lose	Perder	Perderse
To spill	Derramar	Derramarse

NO PUEDO CREER QUE HOY
SE ME VOLVIÓ A OLVIDAR IR
AL GIMNASIO...

¡YA VAN 7 AÑOS SEGUIDOS!

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Ejemplos de Se accidental

¿Cuáles son los errores gramaticales?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.



"I forgot what I was going to say" ("It forgot itself to me")



"I ran out of coffee" ("It ran out on me")



"I broke a nail" ("It broke on me")



"I lost my phone" ("It lost itself on me")

Practice for Student

Te toca a ti

Quizlet Se accidental

Deletrear los verbos/ Spell



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

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