SPANISH 101 IMPERSONAL VERBS: SE IMPERSONAL + VERB EXPRESSIONS



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SPANISH <u>IMPERSONAL</u> VERBS

IMPERSONAL

There's <u>no</u> subject.



Hoy hace mucho calor. Today is hot.

PERSONAL

A <u>subject</u> (person/thing) performs the action.



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SPANISH <u>IMPERSONAL</u> 'SE'

KEY POINTS

- Can be used with any verb.
- There is no subject.
- Verbs must be conjugated in the third person singular.
- Refers to a group of people's traditions, rules, or behaviors.



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LIST OF <u>IMPERSONAL EXPRESSIONS</u> IN SPANISH

Es cierto que

It's true that

Hace calor

It's hot

Había

There was / There were

Es mediodía

It's midday

Hace frío

It's cold

Llovió mucho

It rained a lot

Puede ser

It could be

Es tarde

It's late

Hay

There is / There are

No es importante

It's not important

LIST OF <u>Subjunctive impersonal</u> expressions

Es bueno que

It's good that

Es importante que

It's important that

Es necesario que

It's necessary that

Es posible que

It's possible that

Es una lástima que

It's a shame that

Está mal que

It's wrong that

Es recomendable que

It's advisable that

No es cierto que

It's not true that

No es seguro que

It's not certain that

KEY POINTS: IMPERSONAL VERBS IN SPANISH

- Impersonal structures are sentences that **have no subject**.
- So, according to Spanish grammar rules, these verbs must **only be conjugated** in the third-person singular.
- In Spanish, there are **two ways** to form impersonal expressions:
 - Using <u>specific</u> verbs (haber, hacer, ser, etc.)
 - Using <u>se</u> impersonal + any verb
- These structures are **used to** discuss the <u>weather</u>, <u>obligations</u>, and a group of people's <u>customs</u> or <u>behaviors</u>.

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