

Lecture Outline: Spanish Impersonal & Passive “se”

<u>Impersonal “se”</u>	<u>Passive “se”</u>
subject is general or unknown	subject is de-emphasized
verb is conjugated in 3 rd person singular or plural	

Se prohíbe fumar. <i>Smoking is prohibited.</i>		Se gastó mucho dinero durante nuestro viaje. <i>A lot of money was spent during our trip.</i>	
Se cambian cheques aquí. <i>Checks cashed here.</i>		No se puede comprarte un carro por un dólar. <i>You can't buy a car for yourself for one dollar.</i>	
Se habla español en Cuba. <i>Spanish is spoken in Cuba.</i>		Se ven las montañas de su casa. <i>The mountains can be seen from his/her/their/your(formal) house</i>	
No se permite nadar en el lago. <i>Swimming is not permitted in the lake.</i>		Se oye mucho ruido desde mi ventana. <i>A lot of noise is heard from my window.</i>	
Se dice que la clase es fácil. <i>They say the class is easy.</i>			
Se come mucho durante la Navidad. <i>A lot is eaten during Christmas.</i>			