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Reflexive pronouns

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Resumen

Los pronombres reflexivos se utilizan cuando el sujeto y objeto es el mismo, o bien para enfatizar uno de estos.

Abstract

The reflexive pronouns are used when the subject and object of the sentence is the same. Other function is to stress one of these elements.

Key words: myself, yourself, himself, herself, itself, etc.



Reflexive pronouns

They are used :

- 1) when the subject and the object are the same person or thing.
 - *He cut **himself** while he was cooking.*
 - *Did you enjoy **yourself** at the party?*

- 2) to emphasize that something is done independently.
 - *The little boy walked **himself** this morning.*
 - *She drives **herself** to Mexico City.*



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3) To stress the subject or object.

- *They complained to the waiter **himself**.*
- *She arrived **herself** to the party.*



Reflexive pronouns

- myself
- yourself
- himself
- herself
- itself
- ourselves
- yourselves
- themselves



- Martha combs her own hair.
- Martha combs **her hair herself**.
- The issue will resolve on its own.
- The issue will resolve **itself**.
- Jake practices soccer alone.
- Jake practices soccer **by himself**.
- The students did the entire project without any help.
- The students did the entire project **themselves**.
- We like to make ice cream at home without any help.
- We like to make ice cream at home **ourselves**.
- I can fly an airplane on my own.
- I can fly an airplane **myself**.



PRACTICE

- 1. I hurt **(me)**
- 2. The band called **(them)** "Rolling Stones".
- 3. He shot **(him)**.
- 4. I bought a present for **(me)**
- 5. She did it by **(her)** (She did it alone.)
- 6. That man is talking to **(him)**
- 7. I'll do it **(me)**



PRACTICE

Ask your classmates three questions including some reflexive pronouns.

Examples:

- How old were you when you walk by yourself?
- Do you wash your clothes yourself?
- Does your best friend live by herself/ himself?



Reference

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