

THE REFLEXIVE PRONOUNS

Singular:	<i>myself - yourself - himself - herself - itself</i>
Plural:	<i>ourselves - yourselves - themselves</i>

When we use a reflexive pronoun

We use a reflexive pronoun:

- as a **direct object** when the **object** is the **same** as the **subject** of the verb:

Ex:

I am teaching **myself** to play the piano.

Be careful with that knife. **You** might cut **yourself**.

Some verbs **change their meaning** slightly when they have a reflexive pronoun as direct object:

Would you like to help yourself to another drink?

= *Would you like to take another drink.*

I wish the children would behave themselves.

= *I wish the children would behave well.*

He found himself lying by the side of the road.

= *He was surprised when he realised that he was at the side of the road.*

I saw myself as a famous actor.

= *I imagined that I was a famous actor.*

She applied herself to the job of mending the lights.

= *She worked very hard to mend the lights.*

He busied himself in the kitchen.

= *He worked busily in the kitchen.*

I had to content myself with a few Euros.

= *I had to be satisfied with a few Euros.*

Reflexive pronoun Exercises

Beginner

I. Choose the correct answer.

1. My mother does the housework **herself/himself**.
2. I prepared this work **ourselves/myself**.
3. She made this cake **herself/myself**.
4. My mother and I do the shopping **myself/ourselves**.
5. Kerem cuts his hair **itself/himself**.
6. Seher and Yaşar prepare the dinner **ourselves/themselves**.
7. I introduced **myself/ourselves** to the tourists.

II. Choose right (R) or wrong (W) for each sentence. Correct the wrong variant:

1. We cleaned the room ourselves. R W

2. He opened the door herself. R W

3. I bought this picture myself. R W

4. She washed the plates herself. R W

5. They made the cakes himself. R W

6. Tom sent an e-mail himself. R W

7. You made this photo myself. R W

III. Underline the correct reflexive pronoun:

1. He's cut the finger herself/himself.
2. I believe in herself/myself.
3. She enjoyed herself/himself at the party.
4. We can't do this task ourself/ourselves.
5. They bought this cake themselves/itself.
6. Tom hurt myself/himself.
7. Look at himself/yourself.
8. You drew the birds yourselves/themselves.
9. I fell myself/herself.
10. Help myself/yourself to this cake.
11. You've lost the key himself/yourself.
12. She ate lunch himself/herself.
13. I've made this juice myself/herself.
14. She wrote the report ourselves/herself.
15. He cooks herself/himself.

IV. Fill in the correct reflexive pronoun:

1. I take care of _____.
2. We decorated the flat _____.
3. She has cut bread _____.
4. They jumped from the roof _____.
5. You answered _____.
6. We prepared this project _____.
7. I sent this SMS _____.
8. He understood this theorem _____.
9. I can ride the bike _____.
10. We can't do this task _____.
11. Tom's broken this vase _____.
12. They can translate this text _____.
13. He repaired the car _____.
14. She worked in the garden _____.
15. You've torn the letter _____.

Elementary

V. Fill in the necessary pronoun:

1. _____ has cut his finger himself.
2. _____ did my homework myself.
3. _____ brought this flower herself.
4. _____ can't understand it ourselves.
5. _____ cuts his hair himself.
6. _____ print photos themselves.
7. _____ tore my dress myself.
8. _____ bought this dress herself.
9. _____ translated this poem yourself.
10. _____ cleaned our flat ourselves.
11. _____ wrote the test herself.
12. _____ cooked it myself.
13. _____ made the flowers themselves.
14. _____ was ashamed of herself.
15. _____ takes care of himself.

VI. Insert the missing pronoun.

1. _____ washed myself.
2. _____ looked at himself in the mirror.

3. _____ didn't hurt herself.
4. _____ burnt yourselves with the candles.
5. _____ enjoyed themselves at the party.
6. _____ fell off the ladder and hurt himself.
7. _____ only think about yourself.
8. Sometimes _____ talk to myself.
9. _____ cut herself with a knife.
10. _____ behaved ourselves at school.
11. _____ live by yourself.
12. _____ went to Paris by themselves.
13. _____ paid for myself.
14. _____ travelled by ourselves.
15. _____ did the homework by herself.
16. _____ have to behave yourselves.
17. _____ did it by myself.
18. _____ shaved himself.

VII.Fill in the blanks with the right reflexive pronoun.

- 1.I am angry with _____.
- 2.Peter lost _____ in the jungle.
- 3.Mary looked at _____ in the mirror.
- 4.Help _____!
- 5.We burnt _____ when we were cooking.
- 6.My father shaves _____ every morning.
- 7.You only think about _____.
- 8.They enjoyed _____ last summer.
- 9.I don't recognize _____.
- 10.We must do things by _____.
- 11.I would like to live by _____.
- 12.Mary behaved _____ this time.
- 13.We fell off the tree and we hurt _____.
- 14.Many people enjoy _____ playing video games.
- 15.Goodbye! Be careful! Don't hurt _____.
- 16.We had a great time! We enjoyed _____ very much.

Pre-intermediate

VIII.Fill in the correct reflexive pronouns:

My birthday

My birthday was on Sunday and I decided to decorate our flat _____. I coloured the paper and made beautiful circles to put them on the walls. I drew funny faces _____ and put them on the chairs. My mother helped me to lay the table. She cooked a very tasty cake _____ and put it in the middle of the table. I arranged the plates, the forks, the knives and the cups _____. My brother presented me a new CD with lovely music. When my friends came we listened to the music, ate cake, drank tea, talked. We enjoyed _____ at my birthday.

IX.Find and correct the mistakes:

1. I do my homework himself. _____
2. He sweeps the floor herself. _____
3. We can cut the flowers ourself. _____
4. She learned the poem yourself. _____
5. They wrote the test himself. _____
6. I wash my hair themselves. _____
7. She repaired her bike himself. _____
8. We learned to swim themselves. _____
9. You drew the cat itself. _____
10. They were ashamed of myself. _____
11. He wrote this poem ourselves. _____

12. You tore this book himself. _____

13. I can't do it herself. _____

X.Fill in the missing reflexive pronouns

1. My little sister can dress _____.

2. I wash my clothes _____.

3. We repaired the computer ____ o_____.

4. My uncle shaves _____ every morning.

5. I don't like to talk about _____.

6. My sister lives by _____.

7. Sarah looks at _____ in the mirror for hours.

8. We hurt _____rselfes_____ in the accident.

9. You are going to enjoy _____ if you go to the party.

10. Kids don't hurt _____ when they are in the park.

11. I am going to buy _____ a new dress.

12. I taught _____ how to swim.

13. She blames _____ for the mistake.

14. Behave _____!

15. The hunter shot _____ accidentally.

16. My brother cuts _____ when he uses that knife.

17. My grandmother burnt _____ when she was baking a cake.

18. We entertained _____ playing cards.

19. They spend hours looking at _____ in the mirror.

20. I hurt _____ when I fell down the swing.

21. He told _____ that he would get the best mark in his class.

XI.Fill in the blanks with the right reflexive pronouns

1. John hurts _____ while he was fixing his car.

2. At 12:30 Junko and I went to the cafeteria to buy _____ some lunch.

3. When I saw _____ in the mirror, I was horrified –there was red paint on my nose.

4. Jody and her husband own their own company, so they can give _____ a holiday any time they like

5. Look there's a little bird washing _____ in the river.

6. He only thinks of _____

7. She looked at _____ in the mirror.

8. Tom did the work _____

9. I must speak to your father _____

10. It was Mary _____ who met him in the park.

XII.CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION

1. Jennifer is very vane. She often looks at _____ in the mirror.

a) himself b) itself c) herself

2. He can only blame _____ for his mistakes.

a) herself b) himself c) itself

3. Thomas talked quietly to _____

a) itself b) himself c) themselves

4. The girl locked _____ in

a) himself b) herself

5. My sister told my the news _____

a) himself b) ourself c) herself

6. The book isn't too good. I'm sure he wrote it _____

a) itself b) herself c) himself

7. The cat washed _____ in the pool

a) himself b) itself c) yourself

8. They are too young. They can't feed _____

a) himself b) themselves c) yourself

XIII. Complete the sentences with the correct pronouns.

1. Ann always does her homework _____.
2. Mark was feeling rather pleased with _____.
3. You'll have to fill out the forms _____.
4. I bought _____ a new dress.
5. We painted the whole house _____.
6. Be careful. You might hurt _____.
7. The light switches _____ off automatically.
8. Mary made _____ a cup of coffee.
9. The students organized the concert _____.
10. Kate and I didn't really enjoy _____ at the disco last night.

Intermediate

XIV. Choose the correct answers (myself - yourself - himself - herself - itself - ourselves - yourselves - themselves)

- 1) Robert made this T-shirt _____
- 2) Lisa did the homework _____
- 3) We took some bottles of cola at the party _____
- 4) Emma, did you take the photo by _____?
- 5) I wrote this poem. _____
- 6) He cut _____ with the knife while he was doing the dishes.
- 7) The lion can defend _____
- 8) My mother often talks to herself _____
- 9) Tim and Gerry, if you want more milk, help _____
- 10) Alice and Doris collected the stickers _____
- 11) You can't do this for me. I have to do it _____
- 12) Why doesn't she do it _____?
- 13) He saw _____ in the mirror.
- 14) We can't do this _____
- 15) She likes to think of _____ as a good person.
- 16) They talk about _____ all the time.
- 17) Are you going to the mall by _____?
- 18) Mary is a person with lots of problems. Sometimes she even hurts _____
- 19) Why are you standing? Find some chairs for _____ and sit down.
- 20) I answer all my letters _____
- 21) I don't like them at all. They want everything for _____
- 22) I like to watch _____ in the video film.
- 23) Suze, did you bake the cake _____?
- 24) The boys opened the parcels _____
- 25) Susan made a video film about cats _____
- 26) Bob, can you find the way to the cinema _____
- 27) My father built the tree house _____
- 28) The Millers drew all the paintings _____
- 29) Jack's brother painted the bike _____
- 30) "Should I cook the soup?" No, I can do it _____
- 31) Why don't you clean the windows _____?
- 32) The old woman sat at the park bench talking to _____
- 33) The children cleaned their room _____
- 34) Jack and I introduced _____ to our new neighbor.

XV. Fill in the blanks with suitable pronouns.

1. _____ washed the dishes myself.
2. _____ played outside themselves.
3. _____ eat her meal herself.
4. _____ goes to the sport center himself.
5. _____ do my homework myself.
6. _____ like walking outside myself.

7. _____ watched the ourselves.
8. _____ sleeps in its bed itself.
9. _____ takes care of the baby herself.
10. _____ drives to work himself.

XVI. Fill in the blanks with suitable pronouns.

1. Our friends and we go to school _____.
2. My father does his work _____.
3. Serkan cut the trees _____.
4. My mother and father decorate the house _____.
5. Kerem and I did the Project _____.
6. My grandparents had a vocation _____.
7. Fidan cooked this delicious meal _____.
8. Our teacher plan the lesson _____.
9. Our cat drink the milk _____.
10. Hakan does the shopping _____.
11. Su and Selim went on a holiday _____.
12. Vedat walked in the darkness by _____.
13. I stayed at home last night by _____.

XVII. Decide whether the action happens alone or not. Put "A" for "ALONE".

1. ___ I went out last night by myself.
2. ___ She decorated her room herself.
3. ___ We had a picnic with our children ourselves.
4. ___ My mother goes to work by herself.
5. ___ I sewed that dress by myself.
6. ___ Serdar watched TV at home himself.
7. ___ Aslı and Efe went to the cinema themselves.
8. ___ Sevgi lives in this house by herself.
9. ___ Ahmet sleeps in her room himself.
10. ___ Sevim and Melih prepare a Project themselves.
11. ___ I went to the museum by myself.

XVIII. WRITE THE APPROPRIATE REFLEXIVE

- 1.- Mary made this dress _____
- 2.- We cooked for _____
- 3.- The woman accidentally cut _____
- 4.- Alice, did you take the photo _____ ?
- 5.-The boy was singing to _____
- 6.- Emma e-mailed _____ a copy of the report.
- 7.- You should buy _____ a new car as soon as possible.
- 8.- Paul, if you want more food, help _____
- 9.- The dog can defend _____
- 10.-My grandfather often talks to _____
- 11.-We don't need any help, we can do it _____
- 12.- She found _____ alone in the house.
- 13.- John and Louis enjoyed _____ at the birthday party.
- 14.- Be careful, don't hurt _____ with that knife.

XIX. Complete the sentences with the correct verb tenses and reflexive pronouns.

- 1 (Jill was wearing a skirt that she/make.)
Jill was wearing a skirt that _____
- 2 (I hope you like the present. I/choose/it/).
I hope you like the present. _____
- 3 (Adam didn't have lessons. He/teach/.)
Adam didn't have lessons. _____. _____
- 4 (Be careful with that knife or you/cut/.)

Be careful with that knife or _____

5 (This is a nice photo. /you/take it/?)

This is a nice photo.

_____?

6 (Do you like this cake? I/invent/the recipe/.)

Do you like this cake?
