

Myself, yourself, etc.; each other

1 Look at this table:

SUBJECT PRONOUNS	OBJECT PRONOUNS	REFLEXIVE PRONOUNS
I	me	myself
you (<i>singular</i>)	you	yourself
he	him	himself
she	her	herself
it	it	itself
we	us	ourselves
you (<i>plural</i>)	you	yourselves
they	them	themselves

2 Compare:

(i)



Jenny made Jo a cup of coffee.
(= Jenny made the coffee for Jo.)

(ii)



Jenny made herself a cup of coffee.
(= Jenny made the coffee for herself.)

We use **myself, yourself, herself, etc.** to refer to the subject:

Be careful. **You** might hurt **yourself**.

I bought **myself** a new shirt.

He taught **himself** to swim.

They enjoyed **themselves** at the concert.

3 We also use **myself, yourself, etc.** to emphasize that the subject did the action, not another person:

He built the whole house **himself**.

(= He built it alone; nobody helped him.)

4 We use **each other** like this:

Tom and Sue were talking to **each other**.

(= Tom was talking to Sue, and Sue was talking to Tom.)

We like **each other** very much.

(= I like her and she likes me.)

Compare **themselves** and **each other**:

Alan and Ruth took these photographs **themselves**. (= They took them, not another person.)

Alan and Ruth took photographs of **each other**. (= Alan took a photograph of Ruth, and Ruth took a photograph of Alan.)

Practice

A Fill the gaps with **myself, yourself, etc.**

- I cooked myself a meal and then I watched television.
- 1 I'm sure he'll enjoy on his trip.
- 2 I cut while I was preparing the vegetables.
- 3 We amused by playing cards while we were waiting for the plane.
- 4 She put the plates on the table and told them to help to the food.
- 5 Tom hurt when he was playing football.
- 6 Alan cooked a snack when he got home.

B Complete the sentences with the correct verb tenses and **myself, yourself, etc.** in the correct place.

- (Be careful with that knife or you/cut/.)
Be careful with that knife or you'll cut yourself.
- 1 (It was a very nice trip and we/enjoy/very much.)
It was a very nice trip and we

- 2 (I/burn/while I was taking the dish out of the oven.)
I while I was taking the dish out of the oven.
- 3 (He didn't have lessons. He/teach/.)
He didn't have lessons.
- 4 (I think I/buy/a new coat tomorrow.)
..... a new coat tomorrow.
- 5 (She/make/a sandwich and ate it in the kitchen.)
..... and ate it in the kitchen.

C Fill the gaps with *myself*, *yourself*, etc.

- Did you paint the room *yourself* ? ~ Yes, it took me three days to do it.
- 1 If you won't help me, I'll have to do it all
- 2 She makes all her clothes
- 3 The students organized the concert
- 4 We painted the whole house
- 5 He typed the letter and then he posted it.

D Complete the sentences with the correct verb tenses and *myself*, *yourself*, etc. Put *myself*, *yourself*, etc. at the end of the sentence.

- (She is a very successful singer. She/write/all her songs/.)
She is a very successful singer. *She writes all her songs herself.*
- 1 Could you post this letter for me? ~ (No, I'm sorry, I won't have time. You/have/to post it/.)
No, I'm sorry, I won't have time.
- 2 (Nobody helped us, so we/carry/all our luggage/.)
Nobody helped us, so
- 3 (This is an excellent photograph./you/take it/?)
This is an excellent photograph.
- 4 (She was wearing a dress that she/make/.)
She was wearing a dress that
- 5 (I hope you like the present. I/choose/it/.)
I hope you like the present.
- 6 (Do you like this meal? I/invent/the recipe/.)
Do you like this meal?

E Fill the gaps with *each other*, *ourselves*, *yourselves* or *themselves*.

- They spent the whole evening arguing with *each other*
- Their house is very beautiful; they designed it *themselves*
- 1 Mary met John in April, but they didn't see again until July.
- 2 They're not friends; in fact, they don't like at all.
- 3 Don't ask me to help you. You must do it
- 4 We didn't buy it A friend bought it for us.
- 5 I could hear two people shouting at
- 6 We're working in the same office now, so Ron and I see every day.