



Unit 24

Subject - Object Questions Negative Questions Reflexive Pronouns

III

Grammar

a Subject Questions - Object Questions

Subject Questions

- When we use the question words **who**, **which** and **what** to ask about the subject of the verb, we form the question without auxiliary verbs (**who/which/what + verb** in the **affirmative form**).

Who is the security guard?

Tim (is the security guard).

What was brand new?

The Hoover (was brand new).

Object Questions

- When we use the question words **who**, **which** and **what** to ask about the object of the verb, we form the question with auxiliary verbs (**who/which/what + verb** in the **interrogative form**).

Who did you see in the hall?

(I saw) Jenny and Ben.

What are you watching?

(I'm watching) a documentary.

b Negative Questions

Negative Questions are formed with: **Negative Auxiliary Verb (short form) + Subject + Main Verb.**

Haven't you put a bedside table together before?

Isn't she cool?

Can't you turn the volume down?

We use negative questions:

- to show surprise.
Haven't you heard of Alexander Graham Bell before?
- when we expect the listener to agree with us.
Don't you speak Spanish?

c Reflexive Pronouns

Reflexive Pronouns show that an action returns to the person who does it. In other words, the object of the verb is the same as its subject.

Tony cut himself while he was making a salad.

Reflexive pronouns are used:

- as objects of verbs when the subject and the object of the verb are the same.
I'm hungry. I'll make myself a sandwich.
- after prepositions.
Don't worry about Phil. He can take care of himself.
I don't like Kate. She always talks about herself.

Reflexive Pronouns

myself
yourself
himself
herself
itself
ourselves
yourselves
themselves

NOTE:

- We use **by + reflexive pronoun** to show that someone does something alone, without any help from anyone else.
My sister learnt how to speak English by herself.

Activities



A. Read the questions and tick (✓) the correct answers, as in the example.

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| 1. What has Henry lost? | Henry has lost a screw. | ☒ |
| | A screw has lost Henry. | ☐ |
| 2. Who did Angela write a letter to? | Alex wrote a letter to Angela. | ☐ |
| | Angela wrote a letter to Alex. | ☐ |
| 3. What did the car hit? | A tree hit the car. | ☐ |
| | The car hit a tree. | ☐ |
| 4. Who solved the mystery? | Inspector Pearson solved it. | ☐ |
| | It solved Inspector Pearson. | ☐ |
| 5. Who contacted the owner? | Kathy contacted the owner. | ☐ |
| | The owner contacted Kathy. | ☐ |
| 6. What stopped the concert? | The concert stopped the rain. | ☐ |
| | The rain stopped the concert. | ☐ |



D. Choose a, b or c.

- Congratulations! You've all passed the exam, so you should be happy with _____.
a. yourself b. you c. yourselves
- Jack invited _____ to his house for dinner.
a. me b. myself c. himself
- John managed to fix the shelf by _____.
a. him b. himself c. myself
- I hate it when you only think about _____.
a. itself b. myself c. yourself
- Didn't you talk to _____ about tomorrow?
a. herself b. her c. yourself
- Len and Vince put the coffee table together by _____.
a. themselves b. ourselves c. itself
- The teacher told _____ to study harder, but he didn't listen to her.
a. himself b. herself c. him
- This pizza is delicious! Did you make it _____?
a. yourself b. you c. itself
- I was painting the wall when I fell and hurt _____.
a. me b. himself c. myself
- She didn't want to tell _____ what had happened.
a. myself b. me c. herself