

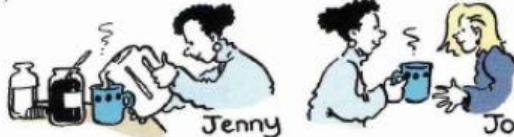
Myself, yourself, etc.; each other

1 Look at this table:

| SUBJECT | OBJECT | REFLEXIVE |
|----------------|----------|------------|
| PRONOUNS | PRONOUNS | PRONOUNS |
| I | me | myself |
| you (singular) | you | yourself |
| he | him | himself |
| she | her | herself |
| it | it | itself |
| we | us | ourselves |
| you (plural) | 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.