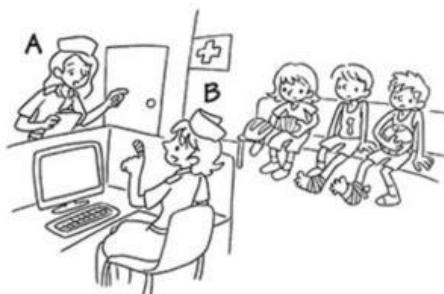


Reflexive pronouns

A: What happened to those children?
 B: The girl was skating when she hurt **herself**. She broke her arm. The boys were playing basketball when they hurt **themselves**. Both of them twisted their ankles.
 A: What's the matter with your finger?
 B: I was cutting some fruit when I hurt **myself**.



We use **reflexive pronouns** when the subject and the object of a sentence are the same.

I cut **myself** when I was making a model.

We use **by + reflexive pronouns** to mean 'alone' or 'without help from others'.

My sister could comb her hair **by herself** when she was four.

I	→ myself
he	→ himself
she	→ herself
you	→ yourself / yourselves
we	→ ourselves
they	→ themselves



Let's Learn!

We use 'itself' when the subject is an animal. e.g.
My cat licks **itself** after dinner every night.



Complete the table.

subject pronouns	object pronouns	possessive adjectives	reflexive pronouns
1 I	me		
2 he	him		
3 she	her		
4 you		your	/
5 we			
6 they			
7 it		its	

Date: _____

Practice

Underline the mistake in each sentence and write the correct words in the blanks.
Follow the example.

1 Take care of himself, boys! yourselves

2 My sister Cherry can tie her shoelaces by himself. _____

3 Can your brother Leo cook by herself? _____

4 Don't worry, Mum. Joe and I can go to school by myself. _____

5 The monkey hurt himself when it jumped out of the tree. _____

6 The little boys can have a shower by yourselfs. _____

7 A: How did you hurt yourself?
B: I hurt myself when I was playing tennis.

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Context

Complete what the news reporter says with the correct words.



Good evening. This is Steve Evans. Welcome to the six o'clock news.

A man started a fire in his flat this morning. The man ① _____ (be) alone at home and he cooked by ② _____. He ③ _____ (play) with his mobile phone ④ _____ he ⑤ _____ (fry) some food. He burnt his right arm. He was sent to the hospital.

This afternoon, a woman and her children ⑥ _____ (hike) in Ma On Shan Country Park when the woman ⑦ _____ (fall) and ⑧ _____ (break) her left leg. She couldn't walk by ⑨ _____ so her children went off by ⑩ _____ to find help. Police have just rescued the woman.