



# Unit 24

## Subject - Object Questions Negative Questions Reflexive Pronouns

### 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.        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
|                                      | A screw has lost Henry.        | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 2. Who did Angela write a letter to? | Alex wrote a letter to Angela. | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
|                                      | Angela wrote a letter to Alex. | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 3. What did the car hit?             | A tree hit the car.            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
|                                      | The car hit a tree.            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 4. Who solved the mystery?           | Inspector Pearson solved it.   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
|                                      | It solved Inspector Pearson.   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 5. Who contacted the owner?          | Kathy contacted the owner.     | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
|                                      | The owner contacted Kathy.     | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 6. What stopped the concert?         | The concert stopped the rain.  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
|                                      | The rain stopped the concert.  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |



**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