## GRAMMAR reflexive pronouns

**A Read the article in READING B again and complete the table.**

| | Subject pronouns | Reflexive pronouns |
|---|---|---|
| Singular | I | myself |
| | you | yourself |
| | he | 1 |
| | she | 2 |
| | it | itself |
| Plural | we | 3 |
| | you | yourselves |
| | they | themselves |

**MAKE IT REAL**

Reflexive pronouns are used in many idiomatic expressions in English. Examples are *teach yourself to do something* (learn something without a teacher), *help yourself to something* (get something without the assistance of your host), and *behave yourself* (behave correctly).

### Function

We use reflexive pronouns when the subject and the object of the sentence are the same. We can also use reflexive pronouns to mean "without help from another person."

### Form

| Subject pronoun | Reflexive pronoun | Example |
|---|---|---|
| I | myself | I taught myself to dance. |
| You | yourself | Help yourself to food! |
| He | himself | He made himself a sandwich. |
| She | herself | She bought herself a coat. |
| It | itself | It switched itself off. |
| We | ourselves | We consider ourselves lucky. |
| You | yourselves | Did you build this yourselves? |
| They | themselves | They found themselves homeless. |

**A Match the halves to make sentences.**

1 I was feeling cold, so I bought _____
2 It was a great feeling to find _____
3 You can teach _____
4 He doesn't see _____
5 Clara and Miguel found _____
6 Make yourself _____

a myself a hot drink.
b at home!
c themselves in a large, bright classroom.
d himself as an optimistic person.
e yourself just about anything nowadays.
f myself part of a big, friendly group.

**B Complete the conversation with the words from the box.**

do it myself herself motivate myself myself ourselves see myself yourself

Suki: I taught **1** _____ to read Chinese when I was 10.

Malik: Wow—you taught **2** _____? You must be really motivated.

Suki: Yeah, I suppose I do **3** _____ as a motivated person.

Malik: That's impressive. I can never **4** _____ to do things like that!

Suki: Well, I really wanted to go to China, and there were no language classes in my area, so I just had to **5** _____.

Malik: That reminds me of my sister. She really wanted to learn ballet, but there were no classes in our area. She spent hours watching YouTube videos and she taught **6** _____!

Suki: Wow! That's really cool! Hey, you're coming on the study trip to Germany next year, aren't you? Why don't we teach **7** _____ German? Maybe you'd feel more motivated if we learned together.

Malik: Sure!

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**B** **Match the functions (1–2) to the examples (a–b). Write the letter.**

We use reflexive pronouns ...

1 when the subject and the object of the sentence are the same. _____

2 to mean "without help from another person." _____

a *Did you start the fan club yourself or did you have help?*

b *I see myself as a professional person.*

For more practice, go to page 158.

**C** **Complete the text with reflexive pronouns.**

The way we see **1** _____ may depend on the groups we belong to. For example, if you have a large social life, you probably consider **2** _____ to be friendly and confident. People who belong to a sports club may think of **3** _____ as good members of a team. This can help in their future careers. Different groups can also give you different experiences. Someone who joins a community of purpose, such as a local action group, may achieve something that he or she can't achieve by **4** _____ or **5** _____. If you can't find the right group, then you might think about starting one **6** _____. This can also be an interesting experience.

## SPEAKING

**A** **IN PAIRS** **Discuss the questions. Use the Confident Communicator box to help you.**

1 What different communities of interest do you belong to or did you belong to in the past?

2 What do/did you enjoy the most about each different group?

**CONFIDENT COMMUNICATOR**

**START TALKING**

To talk about something when you're not completely sure or when you're still thinking about your opinion, use *I guess*:
*I guess I enjoy sharing ideas with people the most.*

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