

REFLEXIVE PRONOUNS

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I	MYSELF
YOU	YOURSELF
HE	HIMSELF
SHE	HERSELF
IT	ITSELF
WE	OURSELVES
YOU	YOURSELVES
THEY	THEMSELVES

* We use a reflexive pronoun after the verb when the subject and the object are the same person

Don't cut yourself with the knife.

* We don't usually use "myself, yourself..." with the verbs wash, shave, and dress. But we use reflexive pronouns with wash and dress when we talk about small children and also animals.

Carol can dress herself in spite of the fact that she is only two years old.

* These verbs are often reflexive; "teach, look at, kill, introduce, hurt, help, enjoy, cut, burn, behave"

* If you use "by" before reflexive pronouns it means "alone"

I went on holiday by myself

I went on holiday alone

- Complete each of the sentences below.

1. My brother likes to practice his English by talking to himself.
2. James wasn't careful and he cut _____ with a knife.
3. My sister and I looked at _____ in the mirror.
4. The repair shop was closed, so I fixed the car _____.
5. Did you enjoy _____ at the party last night?
6. Cats can get clean by licking _____.
7. (A) Did the cleaners clean the house? (B) No, I did it _____!
8. Mr. Smith burned _____ while he was cooking.
9. He dried _____ after he took a shower and went downstairs.
10. Can you teach _____ to play the piano?
11. My little sister dressed _____. She didn't need any help.
12. Why is your dog scratching _____? Does it have fleas?
13. John and Thomas, did you ask _____ the question?
14. Mrs. Brown, please help _____ to the cookies and drinks.
15. I introduced _____ to my new classmates.

Fill in the blanks with suitable pronouns.

- 1) _____ washed the dishes myself.
- 2) _____ played outside themselves.
- 3) _____ eat her meal herself.
- 4) _____ goes to the sport center himself.
- 5) _____ watched the ourselves.
- 6) _____ sleeps in its bed itself.
- 7) _____ takes care of the baby herself.
- 8) _____ drive to work yourselves.

LISTENING

Listen to a person speaking.

For each of the following questions, listen to the speaker again. Choose the best answer to the question.

1. Who does the speaker live with?

- ☐ The speaker lives alone.
- ☐ The speaker lives with his wife.

2. Who did the speaker work too hard?

- ☐ The speaker worked himself too hard.
- ☐ The speaker worked himself and his wife too hard.

3. Who had to make the speaker slow down?

- ☐ The speaker slowed his wife down.
- ☐ The speaker slowed himself down.

4. Who found the speaker's wife another husband?

- ☐ The speaker's wife found another husband.
- ☐ The speaker found his wife another husband.

5. Who has built a new life together?

- ☐ The speaker and his wife have built a new life together.
- ☐ The speaker's wife and her new husband have built a new life together.