REFLEXIVE PRONOUNS





Os Pronomes Reflexivos (Reflexive Pronouns) são usados para indicar que a ação reflexiva recai sobre o próprio sujeito.

Nesse caso, o pronome vem logo após o verbo e concorda com o sujeito.

Estes pronomes se caracterizam pelas terminações -self (para o singular) e -selves (para o plural).

Para cada **Pronome Pessoal** (Personal Pronoun) existe um **Pronome Reflexivo** (Reflexive Pronoun).

Na tabela abaixo estão indicados os Pronomes Pessoais (*Personal Pronouns*) e os Pronomes Reflexivos (*Reflexive Pronouns*) aos quais eles se referem:

Personal Pronouns

Reflexive Pronoun

I (eu)
you (tu, você)
he (ele)
she (ela)
it (ele/ela-neutro)
we (nós)
you (vocês, vós)
they (eles, elas)

myself (a mim mesmo, -me) yourself (a ti, a você mesmo(a),-te,-se) himself (a si, a ele mesmo, -se) herself (a si, a ela mesma, -se) itself (a si mesmo(a), -se) ourselves (a nós mesmos(as), -nos) yourselves (a vós, a vocês mesmos(as), -vos, -se) themselves (a si, a eles mesmos, a elas mesmas, -se)

Para entender melhor os **Pronomes Reflexivos** (*Reflexive Pronouns*) observe o que acontece com a ação do verbo nesta frase:

The girl cut the watermelon with a knife.

(A menina cortou a melancia com uma faca.)

- Quem cortou? a menina (the girl)
- O que foi cortado? a melancia (the watermelon)

Nesse exemplo, a ação do verbo recai sobre o objeto, que é a melancia.

Observe, agora, esta outra frase:

The girl cut herself with a knife.

(A garota cortou-se com uma faca.)

- Quem cortou? a garota (the girl)
- O que foi cortado? a garota (the girl)

Nesse exemplo, a ação do verbo recai sobre o próprio sujeito que a praticou.

Lembre-se,

O Pronome Reflexivo (Reflexive Pronoun) usado em função reflexiva indica que a ação do verbo recai sobre o próprio sujeito que a praticou.

Desse modo, o pronome vem imediatamente após o verbo e concorda com o sujeito.

Observe outros exemplos em que a ação do verbo recai sobre o próprio sujeito que a pratica e concorda com ele:

He hurt himself last week.
 (Ele se machucou na semana passada.)

Jane killed herself.
 (Jane se matou.)

Take care of yourself! (Cuide-se!)

Observações:

- I. O Pronome Reflexivo (Reflexive Pronoun), em Inglês, também é empregado para dar ênfase à pessoa que pratica a ação:
- Jorge wrote the letter himself.

(O próprio Jorge escreveu a carta.)

I will do my homework myself.

(Eu própria/mesma farei minha lição de casa.)



They raised the children themselves. (Eles próprios criaram os filhos.)

2. Os Pronomes Reflexivos (Reflexive Pronouns) podem ser precedidos pela preposição by.

Nesse caso, os reflexivos (reflexives) têm o sentido de sozinho(a), sozinhos(as) (alone). Algumas vezes, a palavra all é colocada antes de by, servindo então como enfatizante.

Observe os exemplos:

- She was waiting for her husband by herself.
 (Ela estava esperando sozinha pelo seu marido.)
- Did you go to the park by yourself?
 (Você foi ao parque sozinho?)
- She was waiting for her husband (all) by herself.
 (Ela estava esperando (completamente) sozinha pelo seu marido.)



Sometimes Richard prefers to be **by himself**. (Às vezes Richard prefere ficar/estar sozinho.)

3. Existem outros tipos de Pronomes Reflexivos (Reflexive Pronouns) que são chamados de Reflexivos Recíprocos: each, other/one, other

Observe a diferença entre os **Pronomes Reflexivos** (ourselves, yourselves e themselves) e os **Reflexivos Recíprocos**:

Pronome Reflexivo:

• Julia and I looked at **ourselves** in the mirror. (Julia e eu olhamos para nós mesmas no espelho.)

Reflexivo Recíproco:

• Julia and I looked **each other** and started to laugh.

[Julia e eu olhamos uma para a outra (nos olhamos) e começamos a rir.]

Reflexivo Recíproco:

 Our mother thinks that we should be more careful to each other.

(Nossa mãe acha que deveríamos ser mais cuidosos um com o outro.)

Pronome Reflexivo:

Make sure you and Julia don't hurt yourselves!

(Cuidem-se para que você e Julia não se machuquem!)

Pronome Reflexivo:

• Julia and I enjoyed very much **ourselves** during the party.

(Julia e eu nos divertimos muito durante a festa.)

Reflexivo Recíproco:

Julia and I don't see one other every day.

(Julia e eu não nos vemos /não vemos uma a outra todos os dias.)

EXERCISES

I. Jane, you should take better care of !

a. yourselves

b. yourself

c. herself

d. your

e. her

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a. yourselves

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d. your

e. her

2. Men really enjoy talking about around women.

- a. Themselves
- b. Himself
- c.Theirs
- d.They
- e. Him

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3. You and _____ brother need to take time to prepare ____ for the long journey which will start next month.

- a) his / yourself
- b) yours / ourselves
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4. I hope you will enjoy _____ at the party this weekend because I won't be able to be there .

- a) myself / myself
- b) yourself / mine
- c) yours / oneself
- d) you / me
- e) yourself / myself

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- a) myself / myself
- b) yourself / mine
- c) yours / oneself
- d) you / me
- e) yourself / myself

5. "Please, Jeff behave _____!
You are not a little child anymore."

- a) him
- b) yourself
- c) by himself
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6. Carol's dog looked at _____ in the mirror and started to bark.

- a) himself
- b) myself
- c) itself
- d) herself
- e) ourselves

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- a) himself
- b) myself
- c) itself
- d) herself
- e) ourselves

7. Sometimes I think that famous people try to kill _____.

- a) myself
- b) yourself
- c) yourselves
- d) ourselves
- e) themselves

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- a) myself
- b) yourself
- c) yourselves
- d) ourselves
- e) themselves

8. Once, I met a young lady who called Pam.

- a) herself
- b) himself
- c) yourself
- d) itself
- e) myself

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- d) itself
- e) myself



- a) themselves
- b) yourselves
- c) us
- d) ourselves
- e) him

9. His father said again and again if we don't take care, we'd hurt .

- a) themselves
- b) yourselves
- c) us
- d) ourselves
- e) him

10. Look! There are little birds washing _____ in the river.

- a) himself
- b) yourselves
- c) yourself
- d) itself
- e) themselves

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- a) himself
- b) yourselves
- c) yourself
- d) itself
- e) themselves

II. Let's introduce ______ to those girls over there.

- a) himself
- b) ourselves
- c) yourself
- d) itself
- e) themselves

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- a) himself
- b) ourselves
- c) yourself
- d) itself
- e) themselves

12. Please, help _____ to more cake.

- a) himself
- b) yourselves
- c) itself
- d) yourself
- e) themselves

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- a) himself
- b) yourselves
- c) itself
- d) yourself
- e) themselves

13. Without strong steel architecture, the building would collapse in on

a) himself

b) itself

c) yourselves

d) yourself

e) themselves

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a) himself

b) itself

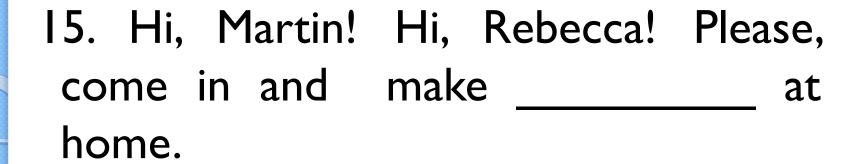
- c) yourselves
- d) yourself
- e) themselves

14. Carol and I did the homework

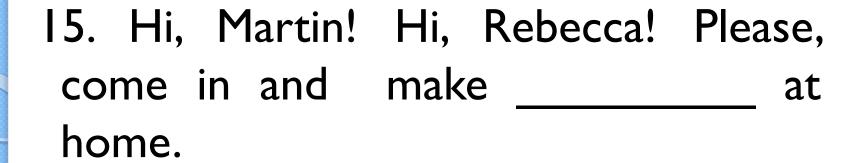
- a) by myself
- b) herself
- c) by herself
- d) by ourselves
- e) ourself

14. Carol and I did the homework

- a) by myself
- b) herself
- c) by herself
- d) by ourselves
- e) ourself



- a) yourselves
- b) himself
- c) itself
- d) yourself
- e) themselves



- a) yourselves
- b) himself
- c) itself
- d) yourself
- e) themselves

16. Mary's brother is always shouting at

- a) himself
- b) yourselves
- c) itself
- d) yourself
- e) themselves

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- a) himself
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- c) itself
- d) yourself
- e) themselves