

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

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

Reflexive Pronoun

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), sozinho(as) (alone)**. Algumas vezes, a palavra **all** é colocada antes de **by**, servindo então como ênfaticante.

Observe os exemplos:

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- 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 cuidadosos 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



1. Jane, you should take better care of _____!

a. yourselves

b. yourself

c. herself

d. your

e. her

I. Jane, you should take better care of _____!

a. yourselves

b. yourself

c. herself

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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a. **Themselves**

b. Himself

c. Theirs

d. They

e. Him

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
- c) their / you
- d) your / yourselves
- e) her / by themselves

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b) yours / ourselves

c) their / you

d) your / yourselves

e) her / by themselves

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
- d) himself
- e) yourselves

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

a) him

b) yourself

c) by himself

d) himself


e) yourselves

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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a) herself

b) himself

c) yourself

d) itself


e) myself

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

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- 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

11. 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

12. Please, help _____ to more cake.

- 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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the building would collapse in on

_____.

- 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

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

15. Hi, Martin! Hi, Rebecca! Please, come in and make _____ at home.

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

15. Hi, Martin! Hi, Rebecca! Please, come in and make _____ at home.

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