

English

Using Reflexive Pronouns





To the Learner

Hello... How are you? Today, you will learn about the reflexive pronoun.



Let's Learn This

What is a reflexive pronoun?

A reflexive pronoun is a pronoun used as an object referring to the same person or thing as the subject.



Let's Try This

Supply the correct reflexive pronoun to complete the sentence.

1. I wrote the story _____.
2. We can make a difference by starting with _____.
3. Sara discovered the truth _____.
4. You can do it _____ if you try
5. The dog finds _____ in the middle of the river.

Are your answers the same with the answers written below?

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| 1. <input type="text" value="myself"/> | 4. <input type="text" value="yourself"/> |
| 2. <input type="text" value="ourselves"/> | 5. <input type="text" value="itself"/> |
| 3. <input type="text" value="herself"/> | |



Let's Study This

Study the sentences below:

Apolinario did all the house work by himself.

Aling Isiang thought Mabini some valuable lessons herself.

She sacrificed herself for her children.

- What are the underlined words? What do we call these words?
- How are reflexive pronouns used?

The underlined words herself and himself are called reflexive pronouns. A reflexive pronoun is used as an object referring to the same person or thing as the subject. It ends in self when singular and selves when plural.

Reflexive Pronouns:

Singular

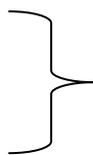
myself

yourself

himself

herself

itself



Plural

ourselves

yourselves

themselves

Examples of reflexive pronouns used in a sentence.

1. You sit down and make *yourself* comfortable.
2. Ben made the campaign posters by *himself*.
3. We should lead the campaign on proper waste disposal by *ourselves*.

The reflexive pronoun in sentence number 1 is *yourself*. It is used as an object referring to the same person.

In sentence number 2, *himself* is the reflexive pronoun, and in sentence number 3, *ourselves* is the reflexive pronoun.



Let's Do This

Supply the correct reflexive pronoun to complete the sentence.

1. Many women today take care of _____ very well.
2. The Philippines has freed _____ from its colonizers.
3. Jane discovered the truth _____.
4. Sometimes children can't find _____ the things they need.
5. The cactus supports _____ in the dessert.
6. The pupils gave _____ a much needed rest.
7. Apolinario gave _____ a chance to study and be successful in life.
8. They will realize the value of their parents by _____.
9. Sheila went to the farm all by _____.
10. My sister made these clothes _____.



Let's Do More

Pick out the reflexive pronoun in each sentence.

1. I did the cleaning up of my room myself.
2. My brother volunteered himself to adjust the curtains.
3. I told myself, "Today is Clean-up Day".
4. There is one garden I did myself. It's located at our backyard.
5. There are many bananas which we can cook ourselves.
6. We can remind ourselves about proper garbage disposal through posters.



Let's Remember This

The reflexive pronoun acts as the object of the verb in the sentence. It ends in self when using singular and selves when plural. It refers to the subject of the sentence so it is necessary for the completeness of the sentence.

Examples:

Maria sacrificed herself for her family.

I found this treasure all by myself.

The five victims made themselves a temporary shelter.



Let's Test Ourselves

Complete each two-line dialog with the correct reflexive pronoun.

1. Angelie: Raymond, can you make the announcement (yourself, myself)?
Raymond: I don't think I can do it by (myself, ourselves). I need your help.
2. Mrs. Palma: Did Raymond and Angelie make the announcement by (himself, herself, themselves)?
Mr. Martin: Yes, they did. Raymond did the speaking (herself, himself).
3. Lorna: Can this electric fan turn off by (himself, herself, itself)?
Ben: Yes, it can. It must have a timer. Do it (yourself, yourselves).

4. Dondon: Did Edna find (himself, herself, itself) very much interested in the experiment?

Elisa: Yes, she did. She volunteered to perform the experiment by (itself, himself, herself).

5. Mr. Reyes: I believe the children can walk to school by (himself, herself, themselves).

Mrs. Reyes: I agree. But I don't think little Marco can go to school by (himself, herself, itself).

Finished?

Look at the answer key on the last page and check your answers.

How much did you get?

Very Good!



Let's Enrich Ourselves

Complete the following sentences with the correct reflexive pronouns.

1. We cannot see _____ as others see us.
2. Mr. Martin _____ told us to start the campaign as soon as possible.
3. The girls found _____ busy about the campaign.
4. Angelie hurt _____.
5. Carlo _____ dug a compost pit in their backyard.



Answer Key

Let's Do This

1. themselves
2. itself
3. herself
4. themselves
5. itself
6. themselves
7. himself
8. themselves
9. herself
10. herself

Let's Do More

1. myself
2. himself
3. myself
4. myself
5. ourselves
6. ourselves

Let's Test Ourselves

1. yourself
myself
2. themselves
himself
3. itself
yourself
4. herself
herself
5. themselves
himself

Let's Enrich Ourselves

1. ourselves
2. himself
3. themselves
4. herself
5. himself