



# Reflexive Pronouns

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# Reflexive Pronouns Chart



PERSON	SINGULAR	PLURAL
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Myself	Ourselves
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Yourself	Yourselves
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Herself Himself Itself oneself	themselves

# Reflexive pronouns for same subject and object

We often use reflexive pronouns when the subject and the object of the verb refer to the same person or thing:



- He cut **himself** on the broken glass.
- She made **herself** a cup of tea and sat down in front of the television.
- Parents often blame **themselves** for the way their children behave.



- **Anula looked at herself in the mirror.**

(The subject and the object are the same.)

- **Anula looked at her in the mirror.**

(The subject and the object are different. Anula is looking at someone else in the mirror.)





**Some reflexive pronouns are used for emphasis.**

**Examples:**

He **himself** answered the phone, not his secretary.

He answered the phone **himself**.





Reflexive pronouns should not be used to substitute for personal pronouns.

**Incorrect:**

Contact Dante or **myself** if you need a photographer.

**Correct:**

Contact Dante or **me** if you need a photographer.



# Me, Myself, and I

- When you don't know whether to use **I** or **me**, don't use the reflexive pronoun **myself**.
- **Myself** is a reflexive pronoun used as the object in a sentence when the word to which the pronoun refers is the subject of the sentence.



**The use of myself in these three sentences is correct.**

- As president of this company, I am giving **myself** a raise.
- I am very proud of **myself** for having worked hard to receive this award.
- On behalf of the orchestra and **myself** (OR me), I welcome you.





# The use of myself in these four sentences is **incorrect**.

- The responsibilities will be divided between you and **myself**.
- There is a big difference between my opponent and **myself**.
- If you have any questions, contact the office assistant or **myself**.
- The confidentiality agreement is between the company and **myself**.

# Exercises



- Robert made this T-shirt .....
- Lisa did her homework.....
- We helped .....to some Coke at the party.
- Emma, did you take the photo by .....?
- I wrote this poem .....

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- He cut ..... with the knife while he was doing the dishes.
- The lion can defend .....
- My mother often talks to .....
- Tom and Gerry, if you want more milk, help .....
- Alice and Doris collected the stickers .....



- Alan made this dish .....
- Laura sent the email .....
- We shall not quarrel easily among ....., and forget our common objective.
- Sara, did you write this poem ..... ?
- Yes, I called her .....



- He cut .....with the knife while he was sharpening it.
- My computer often crashes and turns off by .....
- She often talks to .....when she is upset
- John and Alan, I am not going to do the homework for you. You have to do it .....
- The students were so noisy. Even Nancy and Leila were making a lot of noise .....



- Sally saw .....in the mirror.
- Tom can paint the picture..... because he's good at painting.
- The children did the washing up .....
- I like to watch ..... in a video film.
- Simon and George did their homework .....



- Sue, did you bake the cake .....
- The boys opened the parcels .....
- Susan made a video film about cats .....
- Bob, can you find the way to the cinema .....
- My father built the tree house .....



- The Millers drew all the paintings .....
- "Did Sue's dad write the story?" No, she did it .....
- "Shall I cook the soup?" No, I can do it .....
- "Your face is dirty! Look at ..... in the mirror."
- Jack's brother painted the room.....

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