

## Pronouns: Reflexive

**FORM:**

<b>myself</b>	<b>ourselves</b>
<b>yourself</b>	<b>yourselves</b>
<b>herself</b>	<b>themselves</b>
<b>himself</b>	
<b>itself</b>	

**USE:**

Use “**reflexive pronouns**” when the object or indirect object of a sentence is the same person or thing as the subject. **Do not** use reflexive pronouns if there is already an object in the sentence. Reflexive pronouns must be the object.

**NOTE:** We do not use reflexive pronouns for actions which a person almost always does to himself/herself, such as shaving or dressing. Don’t say, for example, “He shaves himself” or “She dresses herself”. You can use reflexive pronouns with these verbs when it is surprising, such as for young children. For example, you might say to, “She can dress herself” about a two-year-old.

**Idiom:** You can use “by” + reflexive pronoun when it means something is done without help or alone.

e.g. She went by herself. (meaning = alone)

**EXAMPLES:** *Ouch! I cut myself on that piece of paper.*  
*Don’t talk to yourself! People will think you’re strange.*

Complete the following sentences with REFLEXIVE PRONOUNS.

1. He hurt \_\_\_\_\_ playing soccer.
2. The girl taught \_\_\_\_\_ to cook.
3. They will do the renovations \_\_\_\_\_.
4. We enjoyed \_\_\_\_\_ at the show.
5. She will go by \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The kitten found its way home by \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Mary burned \_\_\_\_\_ with her curling iron.
10. Yesterday, I cut \_\_\_\_\_ on a piece of paper.
11. If you can’t help, we will do it \_\_\_\_\_.
12. They are putting \_\_\_\_\_ in a bad situation.

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6. You must do this exercise \_\_\_\_\_.
7. I can finish this work by \_\_\_\_\_.
13. Jim plans to travel by \_\_\_\_\_ to Mexico.
14. You guys will have to plan the trip \_\_\_\_\_.

*Supply the REFLEXIVE PRONOUN or BY+ the REFLEXIVE PRONOUN for each blank.*

1. Grace doesn't like to live (alone) \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I go jogging (alone) \_\_\_\_\_ because my friend prefers to stay home and read a book.
3. Bobby hurt \_\_\_\_\_ when he fell out of the tree.
4. We all enjoyed \_\_\_\_\_ at the concert last night.
5. Mary doesn't like to study (alone) \_\_\_\_\_.
6. My children always make their breakfast (alone) \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The cat could not protect \_\_\_\_\_ against the dogs.
8. Horses always find their way to the barn (alone) \_\_\_\_\_.
9. He cooked dinner (alone) \_\_\_\_\_! He didn't have anyone help him
10. You will cut \_\_\_\_\_ with that razor if you don't pay more attention to what you are doing.