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| **Reflexive Pronouns: Overview** |
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| **FORM:** |   **myself ourselves** **yourself yourselves** **herself**  **himself themselves** **itself** | **By + reflexive pronoun****by myself by ourselves****by yourself by yourselves****by herself** **by himself by themselves****by itself** |  |  |
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| **USE:** | **“Reflexive pronouns”** demonstrate that the subject of a sentence is also the object of a sentence. This means that the subject, or the person or thing who performs the action is also the object, or the person or thing who receives the impact of the action. So, in the sentence, *“Ouch, I cut myself”,* the person who did the cutting, “I” also is the person who was cut.**“Reflexive pronouns”** also act to reinforce or intensify the idea that the subject is the actor in a sentence. In *“John did it himself”,* “himself” gives extra emphasis to the idea that John did it. When **“by”** comes before a reflexive pronoun it means that someone did something alone, or without help*. “Christine did it by herself”,* means that only Christine did it. |
| **EXAMPLES:** | *Mary hurt herself rollerblading.**Jack decided to fix the leaky pipe himself.**Danny went to Paris by himself.* |

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| *Complete the following sentences with the appropriate REFLEXIVE PRONOUN or BY + REFLEXIVE PRONOUN.* |

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| 1. | After falling asleep in the sun, I was shocked when I saw \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the mirror. |
| 2. | The store employees told \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that everything would be easier after the Christmas rush. |
| 3. | She bought \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a little treat – a chocolate bar. |
| 4. | You people can do \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a favour by finishing all your work today so that you can have the weekend off.  |
| 5. | Jacques Myotte, the famous chef, was very embarrassed when he cut \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ while chopping onions on live TV. |
| 6. | A large black dog saved \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by just getting out of the way of the oncoming truck. |

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| 7. | “John, do you usually drive to work \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ?” |
| 8. | “So, do you guys think you can move \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ?” |
| 9. | “Let’s go away for the weekend \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . We can leave the kids with your mother!” |
| 10. | I think that Rob needs some time to think. He’s gone to the cottage to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . |
| 11. | I don’t like living \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ; I’ve always had a roommate. |
| 12. | Sheila doesn’t want to carpool. She has a busy schedule and needs to drive \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . |
| 13. | Most of the employees are on the seventh floor, but the accounting department is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the sixth. |
| 14. | The long distance runner told \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that she would finish the marathon, and she did. |
| 15. | You can help \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to prepare for retirement by saving as much money as you can. |
| 16. | We saved \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a half hour of commuting time by leaving at 6:30 a.m. |
| 17. | Michelangelo painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . |
| 18. | Let’s not order pizza. We can cook \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . |

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| *Complete the following sentences with the appropriate REFLEXIVE PRONOUN or BY + REFLEXIVE PRONOUN.* |

1. When I was younger, I would get embarrassed by my mistakes. Now I am more relaxed and have found it is easier to laugh at\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Children need to learn to rely upon\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. My father always told me to handle my problems\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and not to expect others to solve them for me.
4. The little girl lost her teddy bear in the park. She tried to be brave, but at bedtime she cried\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to sleep.
5. Juan lived a lonely life as a young boy. With no one to play with, he would often sit on the front steps talking to\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_or to an imaginary friend.
6. What delicious cheesecake, Catherine! Did you make this\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?
7. Whenever we have problems in life, we have to be careful not to waste too much time feeling sorry for\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
8. Alejandro wanted to be able to do something unusual, so he taught\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to drink a glass of water while standing on his head.
9. Nobody can decide for me. I have to make a decision \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
10. I cut \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ while I was chopping vegetables for the soup.
11. Gloria hates to stay \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all day long.
12. Mark taught \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ French.
13. They should clean the room \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
14. Be honest with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and do something about your situation.
15. If you told everyone a lie, you have to deal with it \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
16. We decided to renovate the house \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ instead of paying someone to do the job.