

Reflexive Pronoun Race

Activity Type

Speaking Game:
reforming sentences from
prompts, freer practice
(group work)

Focus

Reflexive pronouns

Aim

To practice rewording
sentences to include
reflexive pronouns.

Preparation

Make one copy of the
cards for each group of
three or four and cut as
indicated.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this fast-paced reflexive pronouns game, students race against one another to reword sentences to include reflexive pronouns.

Procedure

Divide the students into groups of three or four.

Give each group a set of cards. Ask the students to shuffle the cards and place them face down in a pile on the table.

The students then take it in turns to pick up a card from the top of the pile, without showing it to anyone.

The student with the card then reads the sentence at the top of the card to the other students in the group, e.g. 'I went to the cinema alone'.

The group members then race to reword the sentence so that it includes a reflexive pronoun, without changing the meaning, e.g. 'I went to the cinema by myself'.

The correct answer is shown at the bottom of the card.

The first student to say the correct sentence wins and keeps the card.

If no one manages to say the sentence, the card is placed at the bottom of the pile to be used again later in the game.

The game continues with students taking it in turns to read a card until all the cards have been used.

The student with the most cards at the end of the game is the winner.

Note: This resource can be edited using a PDF editor.

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You say:

I went to the cinema alone.

They must say:

I went to the cinema by myself.

You say:

Don't call the plumber. I'll fix it.

They must say:

Don't call the plumber. I'll fix it myself.

You say:

Val cut her hand making dinner.

They must say:

Val cut herself making dinner.

You say:

The boy can already dress without help.

They must say:

The boy can already dress himself.

You say:

I rarely look at my reflection in the mirror.

They must say:

I rarely look at myself in the mirror.

You say:

I'm not ironing your shirt. You do it!

They must say:

I'm not ironing your shirt. Do it yourself!

You say:

We stayed at home without a babysitter.

They must say:

We stayed at home by ourselves.

You say:

The kettle turns off automatically.

They must say:

The kettle automatically turns itself off.

You say:

It's dangerous to go diving alone.

They must say:

It's dangerous to go diving by yourself.

You say:

They built their patio without help.

They must say:

They built their patio themselves.

You say:

I didn't buy this soup. I made it.

They must say:

I didn't buy this soup. I made it myself.

You say:

Tom paid for it with his own money.

They must say:

Tom paid for it himself.

You say:

I bought a dress to wear to the ball.

They must say:

I bought myself a dress to wear to the ball.

You say:

Cats lick their fur to stay clean.

They must say:

Cats lick themselves to stay clean.

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You say:

I was thirsty so I made a drink.

They must say:

I was thirsty so I made myself a drink.

You say:

Mary is afraid to sleep alone.

They must say:

Mary is afraid to sleep by herself.

You say:

Don't run children! You'll get hurt.

They must say:

Don't run children! You'll hurt yourselves.

You say:

We lit a fire to keep warm.

They must say:

We lit a fire to keep ourselves warm.

You say:

My sister and I painted the fence.

They must say:

My sister and I painted the fence ourselves.

You say:

The boys made a pizza without any help.

They must say:

The boys made a pizza by themselves.

You say:

Jane cuts her own hair.

They must say:

Jane cuts her hair herself.

You say:

Tim had no friends so he played alone.

They must say:

Tim had no friends so he played by himself.

You say:

They grow their own food.

They must say:

They grow their food themselves.

You say:

He got burnt when he was making tea.

They must say:

He burnt himself when he was making tea.

You say:

The man accidentally shot his own foot.

They must say:

The man accidentally shot himself.

You say:

He said he had written the book.

They must say:

He said he had written the book himself.

You say:

We do yoga to keep fit.

They must say:

We do yoga to keep ourselves fit.

You say:

The young boy behaved well.

They must say:

The young boy behaved himself.