

Activity Type

Grammar Exercises: gap-fill, categorising, word completion, rewriting sentences

Focus

Reflexive verbs

Reflexive pronouns

Aim

To learn and identify verbs that are commonly reflexive and practice using them with reflexive pronouns.

Preparation

Make one copy of the two-page worksheet for each student.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this reflexive verbs worksheet, students learn and identify verbs that are commonly reflexive and practice using them with reflexive pronouns.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the two-page worksheet.

Read through how to identify which verbs can be reflexive and which can't with the class.

Students then complete sentences with verbs from a box.

Exercise A - Answer key

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| 1. relax | 8. remember |
| 2. tell | 9. concentrate |
| 3. Enjoy | 10. ask |
| 4. hurt | 11. remind |
| 5. forget | 12. Introduce |
| 6. imagine | 13. convinced |
| 7. teach | 14. admire |

Students then categorize the verbs in Exercise A into reflexive or non-reflexive.

Exercise B - Answer key

Reflexive: admire, ask, convince, enjoy, hurt, imagine, introduce, remind, teach, tell

Non-reflexive: concentrate, forget, relax, remember

Next, students complete each reflexive pronoun with the correct ending: -self or -selves.

Exercise C - Answer key

1. myself
2. yourself
3. himself
4. herself
5. yourselves
6. ourselves
7. themselves
8. itself

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In the last exercise, students rewrite sentences using reflexive pronouns, underlining the reflexive verb in each sentence.

Exercise D - Answer key

1. Louis has learnt to be a very honest person. He admires **himself** for it.
2. Melinda is enjoying **herself** at the party.
3. If you're stressed, you should relax and imagine **yourself** on a beach.
4. I wanted to try skiing so I decided to buy the equipment and teach **myself** (the techniques).
5. Learning how to skate on my own wasn't a good idea because I really hurt **myself**.
6. I have difficulties remembering small tasks so I have to keep reminding **myself** to do things.
7. Before the meeting starts, we should introduce **ourselves** to the guests.
8. I didn't want to go out tonight until I convinced **myself** to go out and have fun.
9. On the day we got married, we were so nervous. We had to tell **ourselves** to relax.
10. Before making a big decision, you should ask **yourself** if you're ready.

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Verbs can be reflexive when the **subject** and the **object** of the verb are the same entity.

Verbs that require an **object** (transitive verbs) can also be reflexive, e.g. cut.

Example: '**Danielle** cut **her finger**.' or '**Danielle** cut **herself**.' We cannot say 'Danielle cut.'
Therefore, the verb 'cut' is reflexive.

Verbs that don't require an object (intransitive verbs) cannot be reflexive, e.g. sing.

Example: Richard sang (a song).

A. Complete the sentences with the verbs from the box.

hurt	relax	teach	admire	forget	tell	convince
enjoy	remember	imagine	ask	remind	introduce	concentrate

1. I like to on the beach.
2. When I'm in a bad mood, I myself to be positive.
3. yourselves at the party.
4. I can't run today because I myself while playing football.
5. Before I left for the shop, my mum yelled, "Don't the milk!"
6. In my dreams, I myself as a famous actor.
7. Guitar lessons are expensive, so I'll myself.
8. It's difficult to things from 10 years ago.
9. I'm going to study in the library because it's quiet and I need to
10. When in doubt, I myself if it's the right thing to do.
11. I need to myself to go to the shop after work, I can't forget.
12. When you first meet someone, you should yourself.
13. At first, we didn't like the idea of moving but we ourselves to do it.
14. My sister thinks she's so beautiful, she loves to herself in the mirror.



B. Put the verbs from Exercise A in the correct category.

Reflexive	Non-reflexive

C. Complete each reflexive pronoun with the correct ending: -self or -selves.

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| 1. my..... | 2. your..... | 3. him..... | 4. her..... |
| 5. your..... | 6. our..... | 7. them..... | 8. it..... |

D. Rewrite each sentence using a reflexive pronoun and underline the reflexive verb in each sentence.

Example: I usually stretch before going for a run so that I don't hurt my legs.

..... *I usually stretch before going for a run so that I don't hurt **myself**.*

1. Louis has learnt to be a very honest person. He admires his character for it.

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2. Melinda is enjoying the time she is having at the party.

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3. If you're stressed, you should relax and imagine the idea of you on a beach.

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4. I wanted to try skiing so I decided to buy the equipment and teach the techniques to me.

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5. Learning how to skate on my own wasn't a good idea because I really hurt my leg.

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6. I have difficulties remembering small tasks so I have to keep reminding my busy mind to do things.

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7. Before the meeting starts, we should introduce the group to the guests.

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8. I didn't want to go out tonight until I convinced my tired mind to go out and have fun.

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9. On the day we got married, we were so nervous. We had to tell, us the couple, to relax.

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10. Before making a big decision, you should ask if you're ready.

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