

Activity Type

Grammar and Speaking Activity: role-play, gap-fill, asking and answering questions from prompts, table completion (group work)

Focus

Reflexive pronouns

Aim

To practice reflexive pronouns.

Preparation

Make one set of role cards for each group of ten and cut as indicated.

Also, make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

Here is a reflexive pronouns role-play activity for pre-intermediate students.

Procedure

Divide the students into groups of ten.

Give each student a role card and a copy of the worksheet. For groups smaller than ten, remove the required number of role cards except the one for Sally.

Read through the scenario on the worksheet with the students and explain that they are going to take part in a role-play where they ask each group member a question to find out where they were at 5 p.m.

Students begin by completing the sentence on their role card with a reflexive pronoun.

Role cards - Answer key

- | | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Dad: myself | 6. the Twins: ourselves |
| 2. Grandma: myself | 7. Lucy: myself |
| 3. Kitty: myself | 8. Sally: myself |
| 4. George: ourselves | 9. Saul: ourselves |
| 5. Alice: myself | 10. Rufus: myself |

Next, students ask each person in their group what they were doing at 5 p.m. Students respond using the sentence they completed on their role cards. Students record each answer in a table on their worksheet, writing down where the person was and what they were doing.

When the table is complete, students use the information to complete sentences using reflexive pronouns. Students then write who they think broke the plate and why.

Finally, go through the correct answers with the class.

Exercise B - Answer key

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Dad, himself | 6. the Twins, themselves |
| 2. Grandma, herself | 7. Lucy, herself |
| 3. Kitty, herself | 8. Sally, herself |
| 4. George, themselves | 9. Saul, themselves |
| 5. Alice, itself | 10. Rufus, himself |

Sally broke the plate. She was so angry with Mike that after ending the phone call, she went into the kitchen, picked up the plate and threw it on the floor.

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

**Dad**

You hurt your finger chopping potatoes, so you had to go to hospital.

I cut chopping potatoes, so I had to go to the hospital.

**Grandma**

You were alone in the hallway talking to your reflection in the mirror.

I was by in the hallway talking to my reflection in the mirror.

**Kitty**

You were at the shopping mall buying a bag to match your new shoes.

I was at the shopping centre buying a new bag.

George

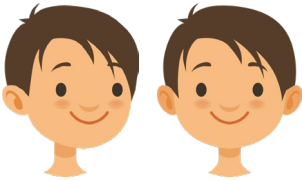
You and your girlfriend Tina went for a walk because you wanted to be alone together.

My girlfriend Tina and I went for a walk as we wanted to be by

**Alice**

You were alone in the vet's waiting room as you'd found an injured bird.

I was by in the vet's waiting room as I'd found an injured bird.

**The Twins**

We ordered a pizza and went to pick it up.

We ordered a pizza and went to pick it up from the restaurant.

**Lucy**

You were in the bathroom doing your makeup.

I was by in the bathroom putting on makeup.

**Sally**

You were drinking tea you'd just made and were having an argument on the balcony.

I'd just made some tea and was alone on the balcony, arguing with my boyfriend Mike on the phone.

Saul

You were at the park with your friend Sam taking 'selfies' on your phones.

I was at the park with Sam. We were taking photos of

**Rufus**

You were alone in the garden kicking a football.

I was by in the garden kicking a football.

A. The Smith's are a big family. Just before 5 p.m., Mum went out for 10 minutes. When she came home, she found her favourite plate broken on the floor. She wants to know who did it. Talk to everyone in your group to find out where they were at 5 p.m.

Name	Place	Activity
Alice		
the Twins		
George		
Kitty		
Rufus		
Grandma		
Lucy		
Saul		
Sally		
Dad		

B. Complete the sentences with reflexive pronouns.

- was at the hospital as he'd cut chopping potatoes.
- was in the hallway looking in the mirror and talking to
- was at the mall buying a new bag.
- and Tina went for a walk as they wanted to be by
- was at the vet's as she'd found a bird that had hurt
- ordered a pizza and went to pick it up.
- was by in the bathroom putting on makeup.
- was by on the balcony, arguing with Mike on the phone.
- was at the park with his friend. They were taking photos of
- was by in the garden kicking a football.

Who do you think broke Mum's plate and why?