

# REFLEXIVE PRONOUNS

The reflexive pronouns are:

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<b>S I N G U L A R</b>	1st person	<b>myself</b>
	2nd person	<b>yourself</b>
	3rd person	<b>himself</b>
	3rd person	<b>herself</b>
	3rd person	<b>itself</b>
<b>P L U R A L</b>	1st person	<b>ourselves</b>
	2nd person	<b>yourselves</b>
	3rd person	<b>themselves</b>

We use reflexive pronouns when the subject and the object are the same. Compare:

*Mary made John a cup of coffee* (= Mary made the coffee for John)  
*Mary made **herself** a cup of coffee* (= Mary made the coffee for herself)

**By myself / by yourself / by himself**, etc can mean “alone” or “without help”

*I don't live with anybody. I live with myself.*  
*I can't move this table by myself. Can you help me?*  
*She did it by herself.*

We can use reflexive pronouns for emphasis:

*Maria repaired the bike by herself.* (= nobody else repaired)  
*He built the house himself.* (= nobody helped him)

# EXERCISE

## COMPLETE THE SENTENCES USING REFLEXIVE PRONOUNS.

1. I cooked \_\_\_\_\_ a meal and then I watched television.
2. I 'm sure he will enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ on his trip.
3. I cut \_\_\_\_\_ while I was preparing the vegetables.
4. We enjoyed \_\_\_\_\_ by playing cards while we were waiting for the plane.
5. She put the plates on the table and told them to help \_\_\_\_\_ to the food.
6. Tom hurt \_\_\_\_\_ when he was playing football.
7. James cooked \_\_\_\_\_ a snack when he got home.
8. Did you paint the room \_\_\_\_\_ ?.- Yes, it took me two days to do it.
9. If you will not help me, I will have to do it all \_\_\_\_\_ .
10. She makes her clothes \_\_\_\_\_ .
11. The students organized the concert \_\_\_\_\_ .
12. We painted the whole house \_\_\_\_\_ .
13. The house is very beautiful; they designed it \_\_\_\_\_ .
14. I taught \_\_\_\_\_ to play the guitar. I never had lessons.
15. Mary 's children are too young to look after \_\_\_\_\_ .
16. An elephant hurt \_\_\_\_\_ when it tried to get out of the zoo yesterday.
17. I don 't need any help. I can take care of \_\_\_\_\_ .
18. My brother fell over and hurt \_\_\_\_\_ when he was running for a bus.
19. Help \_\_\_\_\_ to some more coffee.
20. Mary and I didn 't enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ at the disco last night.