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Reflexive and Emphatic Pronouns









Reflexive Pronoun

- I wrote it myself.
- You said it yourself.
- She saw it herself.
- He saw it himself.
- They said it themselves.
- We washed ourselves.
- It cleaned itself.



Reflexive Pronoun

In the sentences you just read, the underlined words are used to talk about or refer to the subject of the sentences.

They are called **reflexive pronouns**.

They are **pronouns** where the action ends with the subject itself.

- I look at myself in the mirror.

  'I' and 'myself' are the same person.

- Can you see yourself?

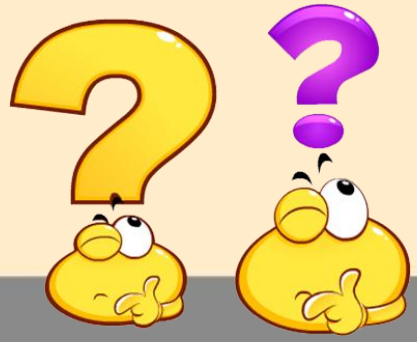
  'You' and 'yourself' are the same person.



REMEMBER

- A **reflexive pronoun** is used as the object of the verb when the **subject** and the **object** of a sentence **are the same person**.

- It is generally used after the **verb**.



Emphatic Pronoun

- I myself posted the letter.
- He himself told me the truth.
- She herself posted the letter.
- They themselves managed the show.
- You yourself told the answer.





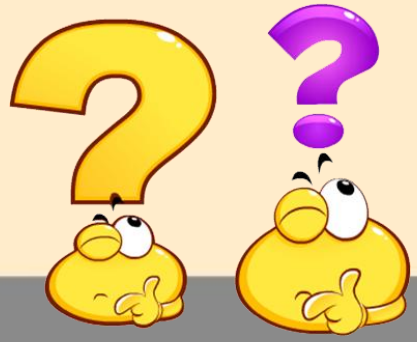
REMEMBER

Emphatic pronouns are used to intensify or emphasise the subject.

They usually follow immediately after the nouns or pronouns they emphasise.

Examples:

- The situation <u>itself</u> has changed.
- Seema <u>herself</u> played the piano.
- You <u>yourself</u> left the letter.



It's Your Turn

Complete the sentences with suitable reflexive or emphatic pronouns.

1. Kate finished the exercise by_____.
2. You may buy_____ an ice cream.
3. They went to the movie _____.
4. He usually talks by _____ .
5. I will have to go _____ to the shop.
6. We can read _____ . We don't need your help.
7. The baby can eat by _____.

