

Verbos pronominales y reflexivos

Pronominal and Reflexive Verbs
Telling what people do for themselves

Pronominal Verbs

★ A **pronominal** verb is a verb that uses **reflexive pronouns**.

★ There are several types such as: **reflexive verbs**, **reciprocal verbs**, and **idiomatic** pronominal verbs (meaning changes).

Verbos reflexivos

- Se usa el reflexivo cuando una persona hace una acción a sí misma.
- *(The reflexive is used when a person does an action to themselves.)*
- Se usa pronombres reflexivos para indicar esto.
- *(Reflexive pronouns are used to indicate this)*

Verbos reflexivos

Non-Reflexive:



Marta cepilla el perro.

- Marta = Subject
- Perro = direct object

Marta performs action, but the dog receives it.

Reflexive:



Marco se cepilla.

- Marco = Subject
- Marco = direct object

Marco performs action, and he receives it.

Verbos reflexivos

Non-Reflexive:



Carlos lava la ropa.

- Carlos = Subject
- La ropa = direct object

Carlos performs action, but the clothes receive it.

Reflexive:



Aarón se lava.

- Aarón = Subject
- Aarón = direct object

Aarón performs action, and he receives it.

Verbos reflexivos

Lavarse

Yo **me** lavo

I wash myself

Tú **te** lavas

You wash yourself

Él **se** lava

He washes himself

Te lavas con el jabón. You wash yourself with soap.

Nos lavamos

We wash ourselves

Os laváis

You wash yourselves

Ellos **se** lavan

They wash themselves

Verbos reflexivos

Ponerse

Yo me pongo	Nos ponemos
I dress myself/I put on	We dress ourselves
Tú te pones	Os ponéis
You dress yourself	You dress yourselves
Él se pone	Ellos se ponen
He dresses himself	They dress themselves
Nos ponemos la ropa. We put on the clothes.	

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Los Negativos:

- To make a verb with a reflexive pronoun negative, add a “no” before the pronoun.
- ¿No te lavas las manos?
- Ellos no se cepillan el pelo.

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Con el cuerpo y la ropa:

- When you use the reflexive pronoun with body parts or clothing you use an article (el/la) not a possessive adjective (mi/mis)
- Yo me lavo **la** cara.
- Te pones **la** camisa.
- Me cepillo los dientes.

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Con infinitivos:

- When you use the reflexive pronoun with an infinitive of a verb, the pronoun is attached to the end of the INFINITIVE.
- Yo voy a lavarme el pelo.
- Él va a lavarse.
- Nosotros vamos a maquillarnos.

Otros verbos pronominales

There are other types of pronominal verbs that work like reflexives because they use the reflexive pronouns, but aren't. They just change meaning when using the reflexive pronoun!

Otros verbos pronominales

Verb (no reflexive pronouns)	Pronominal Verb (uses reflexive pronouns)
Comer – to eat	Comerse – to eat up
Beber – to drink	Beberse – to drink it all up
Ir – to go	Irse – to go away/leave
Morir – to die	Morirse – to fall down dead/pass away
Dormir – to sleep	Dormirse – to fall asleep
Llevar – to take/carry	Llevarse – to take/carry something away