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Unit 2

Reflexive Pronouns



May 很愛照鏡子。為什麼呢？
「I can see me!」 May 說。
聰明的媽媽笑了，「對呀，我們可以在鏡子看見自己，英文也有這樣的說法，我們說：I can see myself!」
「I can see myself.」 May 一下子喜歡上這句話了。
「We can see ourselves. 記住複數要把 f 轉成 ves。」
May 和媽媽一起往鏡子看，她們長得真像！

We use **reflexive pronouns** to show that the **person who is doing the action of the verb is also the receiver of the action.**

Reflexive pronouns are the **objects that refer back to the subjects.**

Jenny made **herself** some tea.

I saw **myself** in the mirror.

We baked the cake by **ourselves**.

Reflexive Pronouns

Reflexive pronouns end with **'-self'** or **'-selves'**. We use **'-self'** for **singular** forms and **'-selves'** for **plural** forms.

Subject pronoun	Reflexive pronoun
I	myself
you (singular)	yourself
he	himself
she	herself
it	itself
you (plural)	yourselves
we	ourselves
they	themselves

Exercise 1

There are 5 reflexive pronouns in this passage. Read the passage and circle all the reflexive pronouns.

I have an elder brother, an elder sister and a baby sister. My brother can go on a trip by himself. My elder sister can go to school by herself. They can cook dinner by themselves, too! I am still too young to go out by myself. But mum says we have to learn to take care of ourselves.

Exercise 2

Unscramble the sentences and write them down in the correct order.

1. myself / I / the birthday card / by / made / .

2. do / We / by / ourselves / the laundry / .

3. by / the machine / The man / drives / himself / .

4. by / themselves / tidy / the hall / The club members / .

5. caught / The lady / herself / the thief / by / .

6. made / John / dinner / by / himself / .

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Exercise 3

Fill in the blanks with the correct pronouns from the boxes below to complete the sentences.

I	You	We	They
He	She	It	

1. _____ visited the dentist by himself.
2. _____ cleans its fur by itself.
3. _____ cooked the noodles by myself.
4. _____ go to school by themselves.
5. _____ made the pretty dress by herself.
6. _____ should take care of yourself.
7. _____ baked the pizza by ourselves.
8. _____ helped himself to some salad.

Exercise 4

Fill in the blanks with the correct reflexive pronouns to complete the sentences.

1. I can see _____ in the mirror.
2. The dog dug that hole in the garden by _____.
3. My brother and I go to school by _____.
4. Tom dressed _____ even though he is a toddler.
5. 'Anna, you are old enough to tie your shoelaces by _____,' said Mum.
6. My baby sister can eat with a spoon by _____.
7. Hayden and May prepared dinner by _____.
8. Anna and I packed our school bags by _____.
9. The old man lives on the boat by _____.
10. 'Students, make sure you complete your homework by _____,' the teacher said.
11. Anna and May hurt _____ when they went to the theme park.
12. I decided to paint my wall by _____.

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Exercise 5

There is one mistake in each sentence. Underline the mistakes and write the corrections above.

1. Lucy learnt to ride a bicycle by herselfes.
2. My dog cannot throw a stick for itselfes.
3. Look, Mum! I can tie my hair by meself.
4. We gave ourselves a ten-minute break because we were very tired.
5. Oscar cleaned his room by herself.
6. Hayden! You must clean this up by yourselves!
7. I hope you all enjoyed yourselves at our party today.
8. Amy and Anna drew this picture by ourselves.
9. We need to take care of weselves.
10. Is your cat alright? Why does it keep scratching it?