

HDHS #8: Los Verbos Reflexivos

- A verb is reflexive when the subject and the object are the same.

I wash myself.
subject: I
verb: wash
object: myself

Since the subject and object are the same, the verb is reflexive.

I wash the car.
subject: I
verb: wash
object: car

*Since the subject and object are different, the verb is **not** reflexive.*

- There is one reflexive verb you learned when you began studying Spanish: llamarse - to call oneself

¿Cómo te llamas?
What do you call yourself?

Me llamo Juan.
I call myself Juan.

- When a verb is reflexive, the infinitive ends in "se." Here is a list of common reflexive verbs:

acostarse	to lay (oneself) down	llamarse	to call (oneself)
afeitarse	to shave (oneself)	mirarse	to look at (oneself)
bañarse	to bathe (oneself)	peinarse	to comb (oneself)
cepillarse	to brush (oneself)	sentarse	to sit (oneself) down
lavarse	to wash (oneself)	sentirse	to feel (what oneself feels)
levantarse	to get (oneself) up	vestirse	to dress (oneself)

- Reflexive Pronouns: These pronouns go before the verb, the "se" is dropped from the end and the verb is conjugated in the required tense.

SUBJECT PRONOUNS	REFLEXIVE PRONOUNS	+ VERB	MEANING
yo	me	miro	<i>I look at (myself)</i>
tú	te	miras	<i>you look at (yourself)</i>
él, ella, ud.	se	mira	<i>he/she/you look(s) at (him/her/yourself)</i>
nosotros (-as)	nos	miramos	<i>we look at (ourselves)</i>
ellos, ellas, uds.	se	miran	<i>they/you all look at (them/yourselves)</i>

- NOTE: Some reflexive verbs may have a completely different meaning!

ir	=	to go	dormir	=	to sleep	poner	=	to put/place
irse	=	to go away	dormirse	=	to fall asleep	ponerse	=	to put on (clothes, jewelry, etc.)

LA PRÁCTICA

A. Completa la conjugación con el pronombre reflexivo apropiado.

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| 1. _____ levantan | 4. _____ llamo | 9. _____ vas |
| 2. _____ mira | 5. _____ van | 10. _____ compran |
| 3. _____ bañan | 6. _____ desayunamos | 11. _____ lavo |
| 4. _____ sentamos | 7. _____ pone | 12. _____ llamas |

B. Completa la frase con la forma correcta del verbo reflexivo en el presente.

- Yo _____ el pelo. (lavarse)
- Los niños _____. (bañarse)
- El muchacho _____ un sándwich. (prepararse)
- Nosotros _____ el abrigo [coat]. (ponerse)
- ¿Por qué _____ tú el sombrero? (quitarse) [take off]
- Las niñas _____ ropa nueva. (comprarse)
- Y tú, ¿cómo _____? (llamarse)
- El perro _____ en el agua. (mirarse)
- Mi hermana y yo _____ temprano. (levantarse)
- Yo _____ en el espejo [mirror]. (admirarse)
- ¿Por qué _____ tú? (preocuparse) [worry]
- Las alumnas siempre _____ en clase. (peinarse)
- Mi familia _____ a las siete. (desayunarse)
- Nosotros _____ ahora. (irse)
- Yo _____ con cuidado [carefully]. (cepillarse)
- ¿A qué hora _____ tú? (levantarse)
- Mi padre _____ todos los días. (afeitarse) [shave]
- Yo _____ Francisco. (llamarse)

