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ENGLISH

Grammar

Basic To Advance

Pronoun (Day-2) →

Reflexive
&
Emphatic

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'Self' words

Reflexive Pronoun

• They are used as objects of the verb when the action of the verb returns to the doer.

I hurt myself.

The boys hid themselves.

• A reflexive pronoun, on the other hand, is vital. The sentence wouldn't make complete sense on removing the reflexive pronoun.

I hurt myself.

I hurt. (illogical sentence)

after the verb

Emphatic Pronoun

• They are used to emphasise a noun or pronoun. (appearing after the subject or the obj)

She herself opened the door.

The town itself is not very large.

• An emphatic pronoun can be removed from the sentence without affecting its core meaning.

Optional

She herself opened the door.

She opened the door. (no change in the meaning)

② Sub Self ✓; --- Obj Self ✓
 Emphatic

② Note
 Sub + Verb + Obj
 ① he List 1 himself ✓

NE

1. He resigned himself from the post.
 2. Obj

2. He acquitted very efficiently.
 himself
 L what / whom = Ans x NO Obj

3. They enjoyed during the event.
 Preposr 2. Obj

free from
 any criminal
 charges.

Main Verb
List 1

themselves

Note
 Sub + V + Obj
 D. Obj
 Sub + V + Preposition + Obj
 Indirect Obj
 Self

RULE 5

We can use a reflexive pronoun as direct object with most transitive verbs, but these are the most common:

amuse	avail	cut	dry	enjoy	help
hurt	introduce	kill	prepare	satisfy	teach
pride	cheat	resign	apply	acquit	assert

List 1

He applied himself?
→ He applied for the post.

~~No error~~
He introduced himself to the crowd as the caretaker.

NOTES:

all these words when used as main verbs will take a reflexive pronoun after them in absence of obj.

blame, acquit, help, prepare, present
apply, enjoy, avail, assert, introduce
pride, absent, amuse, revenge, (-) (+)
cheat, hurt, kill, cut, dry, avenge
teach, resign, satisfy

List 2



1. You stayed ~~yourself~~ away from my class.

2. We qualified ~~ourselves~~ in the test.

3. He himself gathered all the informations.

(NE)

Emphatic

✓ Some verbs like the above are never followed by any reflexive pronoun.



RULE 6

Some below given verbs are used intransitively hence reflexive pronoun is not used:

keep	complain	concentrate	stay
hide	lie down	meet	move
shave	bathe	make	qualify
remember	shower	stop	gather

Rejoin

New

NOTES:

These words when used as main verbs will never take any Reflexive pronoun after it.

{ keep, gather, concentrate, qualify
stop, make, complain, hide,
meet, move, shower, relax,
rest.



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