Reflexive Verbs & Pronouns

A reflexive construct consist of a reflexive pronoun and a verb. In English, reflexive pronouns end in *-self* or *-selves*. (ej-🡪 myself, yourself, ourselves, etc.)

In Spanish, reflexive pronouns are used with reflexive verbs. Reflexive verbs reflect the action back to the subject of the sentence.

whomever does the action, receives the action

ej: Juan Carlos se levanta a las ocho.

Juan Carlos gets (himself) up at eight.

Subject | Refl. Pron. | Verb

Reflexive Pronouns

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| me | nos |
| te | os |
| se | se |

Conjugating with Reflexives

Reflexive verbs are identified by the pronoun -se

levantarse (to get up)

attached to the end of the infinitive form of the verb

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| yo me levanté | nos. nos levantamos |
| tú te levantaste | vos. vos levantasteis |
| élella se levantóUd. | ellosellas se levantaronUds. |

To conjugate

1. Identify the subject
2. Determine reflexive pronoun
3. Conjugate verb
4. acostarse (ue)- to go to bed
5. afeitarse- to shave
6. bañarse- to take a bath
7. cepillarse [los dientes]- to brush [teeth]
8. cuidarse-to take care of
9. depertarse (ie)- to wake up
10. dormirse (ue)- to fall asleep
11. ducharse- to take a shower
12. lavarse- to wash
13. levantarse- to get up
14. maquillarse- to put on makeup
15. peinarse- to comb one’s hair
16. ponerse [la ropa]- to put on [clothes]
17. quitarse [la ropa]- to take off [clothes]
18. secarse [el cuerpo]- to dry off [body]
19. vestirse (i)- to get dressed