


## Grade 8

### GRAMMAR: REFLEXIVE PRONOUNS

We use a reflexive pronoun when we want to refer back to the subject of the sentence. Reflexive pronouns end in "-self" (singular) or "-selves" (plural).


There are 8 reflexive pronouns.

### Reflexive Pronouns with Objects

 We use **verb + reflexive pronoun + object** when we do something for ourselves.

She **cooked herself** (a fish curry).

We **taught ourselves** (English).


 We use **verb + object + reflexive pronoun** when we want to emphasize that another person did not do the action (or assist).

I **repaired (the tire) myself**.

They **did (the homework) themselves**.

My brother **spoke (to his boss) himself** about a raise.

### By + Reflexive Pronouns

 We use **by + myself/yourself/himself** etc when we are alone or not with another person.

Jacob went to the party **by himself**.

Emma was sitting **by herself**.

## ACTIVITY 1

Rearrange the words to form correct sentences to use reflexive pronouns as objects.

1. herself / does / always / she / things / by
2. a / I / dictionary / myself / bought
3. of / made / cup / himself / he / a / tea
4. a / circle / they / in / arranged / themselves
5. defended / the / dog / against / kitten / our / itself

## ACTIVITY 2

Follow the example and mark with ^ the position where you can use the word given within brackets. Copy them to your writing book.

\* I ^ prepared the meals . [myself]

1. The teacher telephoned my mother . [herself]
2. My father grows these vegetables. [himself]
3. They built a house. [themselves]
4. The kitten cleaned. [itself]
5. We cooked the meals. [ourselves]
- Extra: 6. She painted the picture. [herself]
7. We baked the cake. [ourselves]
8. He killed before the police came. [ himself]
9. I will do it . [ myself]

10. Father washed the car. **[himself]**

11. Please, fill the application. **[yourself]**

### ACTIVITY 3

Underline the suitable reflexive pronouns.

1. Dad and I painted the picture \_\_\_\_\_.

**[ myself / himself / itself / ourselves ]**

2. The children made Vesak decorations by \_\_\_\_\_ .

**[ itself / ourselves / themselves / their selves ]**

3. We enjoyed \_\_\_\_\_ playing badminton.

**[ ourself / yourself / ourselves / myself ]**

4. Some people only think about \_\_\_\_\_ .

**[ himself / ourselves / themselves / themselves ]**

5. My little sister can dress \_\_\_\_\_ .

**[ himself / itself / herself / yourself ]**

### ACTIVITY 4

Write the words given within brackets in the plural form.

1. Saman picked some .....**[leaf]** of the trees as they were covered with some fungi.

2. I like to read English.....**[story]** very much.

3. There were three .....**[monkey]** on the branch.

4. There were some .....**[ deer ]** eating in a field.

5. Mother washed all the .....**[potato]** well before cutting them.

6. I watched two .....**[video]** of the accident yesterday.

7. Our cat caught five big .....**[mouse]** only last week.

8. I don't like those .....**[photo]** of the party.

9. There are many .....**[woman]** who work hard in factories.

10. Some .....**[baby]** do not like to drink milk.

## ACTIVITY 5

Fill in the blanks with the correct passive form of the verb.

I am in Grade 8 C. Our classroom **1)**.....[sweep] daily by the girls. The desks and chairs **2)**.....[arrange] by the boys. Usually the register **3)**.....[bring] the class monitor. However, yesterday, it **4)**.....[bring] by me as the monitor was absent. The teacher's table **5)**.....[arrange] by Devika. Our class has a flower bed. It **6)**.....[water] by a group of boys. It is one of the cleanest classrooms in our school.

## ACTIVITY 6

Fill in the blanks with the with the correct passive form of the verbs given within brackets. Use The Simple Present , The Simple Past or The Simple Future passive forms.

1. The gate .....[paint] by some children last week.
2. A Photographic Exhibition .....[hold] next week.
3. Vesak festival ..... [celebrate] all around the world.
4. The class room .....[sweep] by the girls every day.
5. The letter ..... [ post ] last Monday.
6. The trip to Kandy .....[cancel] due to bad weather. Principal announced it yesterday.
7. A cricket tournament .....[hold] in our school next month.
8. The gates .....[ open ] an hour ago.
9. I ..... [not invite] to the party as I was in hospital with my grandfather.
10. Teachers .....[respect] by students.

## Activity 7

Complete the following note.

Kasun,

It is my 13th Birthday 1)..... . So I have 2) ..... a party at our 3) ..... tomorrow evening. All our friends are 4) ..... . Hope you 5)..... come. Please, 6) ..... your video camera.

Jayantha

[ **would - arranged - tomorrow - bring - home - coming** ]