

Pronominal Verbs (infinitive verbs end in –se)

Conjugate the verb just like normal and then put the pronoun in the right form and place.

Pronominal pronouns

me nos
te os
se se

1- **REFLEXIVES** The person doing the action is also receiving it. (Subject and direct object are the same.)

With conjugated verbs - the pronoun goes in front of the verb;

I bathe myself - **Me** baño We stand up - **Nos** ponemos de pie

He combs his hair - **Se** peina el pelo

With unconjugated verbs and commands - the pronoun hooks onto the end

I need to bathe - Necesito bañarme Shut yourself up - cállate

Do not use the reflexive pronoun if the action is being done to someone or something else

I wash the dishes - Lavo los platos I wash my hands - **Me** lavo las manos

Verbs that are usually reflexive;

acostarse	afeitarse	bañarse	cepillarse	despertarse
ducharse	lavarse	llamarse	levantarse	maquillarse
peinarse	pintarse	secarse	sentarse	vestirse

Verbs that are often used reflexively:

acercarse	arreglarse	caerse	callarse	cansarse	cortarse
defenderse	ponerse	matricularse	mejorarse	mudarse	
prepararse	quitarse	romperse			

When using reflexives verbs with body parts or clothing - do not use a possessive pronoun - use the definite article.
I wash my hair - Me lavo **el** pelo He puts on his shoes - Se pone **los** zapatos.

2 - **RECIPROCAL** – to each other (plural forms only)

Se besaron –they kissed each other vs se besaron – they kissed themselves

3 - Verbs that have a **slight change in MEANING** when used as pronominal

despedirse – to say goodbye	pararse – to stand
divertirse - to have fun	preguntarse - to wonder
dormirse - to fall asleep	preocuparse - to worry
gastarse – to wear out	sentirse – to feel “inside”
irse - to go away	volverse – to become

4 - Verbs of **CONSUMPTION** when pronominal will mean to “eat up”, to gobble, consume entirely

Comer – comerse etc

5 - Common pronominal verbs–used with se **JUST BECAUSE**;

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