

Reflexive Verbs

- Reflexive verbs indicate that the action of the verb reflects back on the subject.
- In their infinitive forms, reflexive verbs end in "se".
- Some verbs can be used as a reflexive or non-reflexive.
 - EX: I brushed my hair. (reflexive) VS. I brushed my daughter's hair. (non-reflexive)
- When using a reflexive verb, you will remove the "se" and choose the reflexive pronoun that matches the subject.

Reflexive Pronouns

_____ = myself

_____ = ourselves

_____ = yourself (fam.)

_____ = himself, herself, itself

_____ = themselves, yourselves

yourself (form.), oneself

- In a **one verb sentence** the reflexive pronoun comes **before the conjugated verb** (1st verb).
 - EX: I wake up at 6:00. Yo **me** despierto a las seis.
- In a **two verb sentence** the reflexive pronoun is **attached to the infinitive** (2nd verb).
 - EX: I have to wake up at 6:00. Yo tengo que despertarme a las seis.

Verbs frequently used as verb #1 in a two verb sentence

ir a – to be going to

tener que – to have to

empezar (ie) a – to begin/start

necesitar – to need

poder (ue) – can, to be able to

querer (ie) – to want

deber – should, out to, must

preferir (ie) – to prefer

pensar (ie) – to plan

tratar de – to try to