# SP21: Reflexive Verbs

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## Learning Outcomes: You will be able to…

* Recognize common reflexive verbs;
* Conjugate verbs in the reflexive;
* Create original sentences in Spanish using reflexive verbs.

## Section 1: Forming Reflexive Verbs

* Reflexive Verbs are used when “the doer” of the action and “the receiver” of the action are the same. In a reflexive sentence, the subject and the direct object (DO) are the same.

For example:

**Non-reflexive**

My mother (subject) wakes (verb) me (DO) up.

**The subject, “My mother” and the DO, “me” are different.**

**Reflexive**

I (subject) wake (verb) myself (DO) up.

**The subject, “I” and the DO, “myself” are the same person.**

* Reflexive Verbs are used to express daily routine, states of mind, etc.
* The infinitive form of a reflexive verb ends in **“se”**. For example, **“despertarse”**—to wake up. But when conjugating those verbs, you just need to drop the complement “se” and see if the verb ends in **-ar**, **-er**, or **-ir**, and then conjugate it normally. The reflexive pronoun can come before the verb or be attached to an infinitive.

***Non reflexive verbs:***

*The action is done to another*

*despertar–* to wake up (someone else)

*acostar–* to put someone to bed

*lavar–* to wash (someone/something else)

*levantar–* to get (someone else) up

*peinar–* to comb (someone else’s hair)

*secar–* to dry (someone/something else)

*quitar–* to remove

*vestir–* to dress (someone else)

*bañar–* to give (someone/something) a bath

***Reflexive verb:***

*The action is done to oneself*

*despertarse–* to wake (oneself) up

*acostarse–* to go to bed

*lavarse–* to wash (oneself)

*levantarse–* to get (oneself) up

*peinarse–* to comb (one’s own hair)

*secarse–* to dry (oneself)

*quitarse–* to take off (as in “to undress”)

*vestirse–* to get dressed (oneself)

*bañarse–* to take a bath

**Non reflexive verb**

**Reflexive verb**

**Subject**

🡪 Yo

🡪Marta

**Verb**

lavo

baña

**Direct Object**

el carro.

el perro.

**Subject**

🡪 Yo

🡪Marta

**Direct Object**

**me**

**se**

**Verb**

lavo.

baña.

**Person**

**Yo**

**Tú**

**El/ Ella/ Ud.**

**Nosotros/as**

**Vosotros/as**

**Ellos/ Ellas/ Uds.**

***English***

myself

yourself

him/her/ yourself formal

ourselves

yourselves

themselves/yourselves

***Reflexive Pronoun***

**me**

**te**

**se**

**nos**

**os**

**se**

***Example:*** Desperta**se** (to wake up)—despertar must be conjugated as an –**ar** verb. Then **do not forget** to observe how the reflexive pronouns are used.

* Look how the verb despertarse is conjugated in the present tense:

**(Yo) me** despiert**o** temprano. I wake up early.

**(Tú) te** despiert**as** temprano. You wake up early.

Maria **se** despiert**a** temprano. Maria wakes up early.

Nosotros **nos** despert**amos** temprano. We wake up early.

Vosotros **os** despertáis temprano. You wake up early.

Ellos **se** despeirt**an** temprano. They wake up early.

## Section 2: Practice 1

Check the box next to the correct translation.

1. **I wash the car.**

* Lavo el auto.
* Me lavo el auto.

1. **I take a bath.**

* Me baño.
* Yo baño.

1. **Pedro goes to bed at nine at night.**

* Pedro se acuesta a las nueve de la noche.
* Pedro acuesta a las nueve de la noche.

1. **Ana wakes up the baby at seven in the morning.**

* Ana despierta al bebé a las siete de la mañana.
* Ana se despierta al bebé a las siete de la mañana.

1. **I wake up at six o’clock.**

* Me despierto a las seis de la mañana.
* Despierto a las seis de la mañana.

## Section 3: Practice 2

Choose the appropriate reflexive pronoun **(me, te, se, nos, os, se).** Then translate the sentence into English.

1. Tú\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ duchas.

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1. Ana \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lava las manos.

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1. Ellos\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cepillan los dientes.

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1. Nosotros \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ vestimos.

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1. Yo \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ levanto temprano.

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## Section 4: Practice 3

Write the correct form of the verb along with the correct reflexive pronoun. Then translate the sentence into English.

1. Ana \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ las manos (lavarse).  
   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Ellos \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ los dientes (cepillarse).  
   \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Tú \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a las seis de la mañana (despertarse).

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1. Nosotros \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a las once de la noche (acostarse)

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1. Juana \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ todas las mañanas (maquillarse).

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## Section 5: Writing Sentences

Write 4 complete sentences describing your daily routine using 4 different reflexive verbs.



**Section 6: Practice with a Tutor**

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