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Online Learning Spanish Lesson on Reflexive Verbs and Pronouns

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Here's an example of a reflexive verb being used in English:

I wash myself.

In the above sentence the verb "wash" is considered reflexive because the subject (I) and the object (myself) are the same.

Spanish reflexive verbs consist of a verb and a reflexive pronoun.

The following are reflexive pronouns or objects of reflexive verbs.

| | |
|-----|------------------------|
| me | myself |
| te | yourself (tú form) |
| se | yourself (usted form) |
| nos | ourselves |
| se | themselves, yourselves |

When there is just one verb in the sentence, the reflexive pronoun must come before the reflexive verb.

Me baño.

I wash myself

However, when there are two verbs in the sentence, the reflexive pronoun either comes right before the first verb or right before the second verb.

Quiero bañarme.

I want to wash myself.

Me quiero bañar.

I want to wash myself.

Here are some examples using reflexive verbs.

Me afeito

I shave myself

Te duchas

You take a shower

Se llama Juan

He calls himself John

Nos dormimos

We fall asleep

No nos sentamos

We don't sit down

Se enojan

They get mad

Se levantan

All of you get up

Te cepillas los dientes

You brush your teeth.

Literally, *los dientes* means *the teeth* and not *your teeth*. Since we are using the reflexive pronoun, it means *you brush your own teeth*.

Here some common reflexive verbs in Spanish.

| | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| acostarse | to go to bed |
| afeitarse | to shave oneself |
| bañarse | to bathe oneself |
| casarse (con alguien) | to get married, to marry someone |
| cepillarse | to brush oneself |
| despertarse (ie) | to wake up |
| desvestirse (i) | to get undressed |
| divertirse (ie) | to enjoy oneself |
| dormirse (ue) | to fall asleep |
| ducharse | to take a shower |
| enfermarse | to get sick |
| lavarse | to wash oneself |
| levantarse | to get up |
| llamarse | to be named, to be called |
| mirarse | to look at oneself |
| peinarse | to comb (one's hair) |
| quitarse (la ropa) | to takeoff (one's clothes) |
| secarse | to dry one's self |
| sentarse (ie) | to sit down |

sentirse (ie)

to feel

vestirse (i)

to get dressed

Now let's try a few exercises. Translate the following into Spanish. The answers follow the qu

1. My name is Patrick
2. You brush your hair every evening. (Use [^]tu~ form)
3. You can wash your feet. (Use [^]tú~ form)
4. Do you take a shower or do you take a bath in the morning? (Use the [^]usted~ form)
5. He takes off his pants.
6. We wash our hands before dinner.
7. The wake up very late.

1. Me llamo Patrick.
2. Te cepillas el pelo cada noche.
3. Te puedes lavar los pies. Puedes lavarte los pies.
4. ¿Se ducha o se baña en la mañana?
5. Se quita los pantalones.
6. Nos lavamos las manos antes de la cena.
7. Se despiertan muy tarde.

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