Birdhouse Builders

A model text for identifying and using reflexive pronouns.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.2.1c "Use reflexive pronouns (e.g., myself, ourselves)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle each reflexive pronoun. Draw a line from each one to the person or people it names, so you can see who did the action to themselves.

A Home for Wrens

1. On Saturday, Mia and her brother Leo built a birdhouse. They read the directions aloud and gathered wood, nails, and paint. Mia reminded herself to wear safety glasses before she started hammering.

2. Leo checked himself in the shiny window. His glasses sat straight, and his hands were clean. Then he and Mia gave themselves a high five when the little roof fit on top.

3. After lunch, the children carried the birdhouse outside. They placed it on a sturdy post. Mia said, "We made this ourselves!" Soon, they watched quietly as a small wren explored the new home.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What reflexive pronoun tells who Mia reminded to wear safety glasses?

2. What reflexive pronoun refers to Leo when he looked in the window?

3. What reflexive pronoun refers to Mia and Leo together when they made the birdhouse?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences about a job you can do. Use a reflexive pronoun correctly in each sentence, and underline each reflexive pronoun.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Circle each reflexive pronoun. Draw a line from each one to the person or people it names, so you can see who did the action to themselves. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What reflexive pronoun tells who Mia reminded to wear safety glasses?	**herself**
2	What reflexive pronoun refers to Leo when he looked in the window?	**himself**
3	What reflexive pronoun refers to Mia and Leo together when they made the birdhouse?	**ourselves**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I tied my shoes myself. My sister and I cleaned up after ourselves.

Accept correctly used reflexive pronouns that match the subject, such as myself, yourself, himself, herself, itself, ourselves, yourselves, or themselves. In Part 3, each sentence should clearly show that the subject does an action to or for the same person or people.