

Mirror Match

See whether the -self word fits.

3.L.GC.1.24 "Grammar: Use reflexive pronouns. (Master)"

NAME _____

DATE _____

MATCHES THE SUBJECT

A reflexive pronoun ends in self or selves. It points back to the subject and matches it.

We built ourselves a fort.

DOES NOT MATCH

The reflexive pronoun does not match the subject. Choose a pronoun that points back to the subject.

That kitten washed themselves.

1 SORT

8 items

For each sentence, circle the category, then in Part 2 choose two item numbers and explain how the reflexive pronoun does or does not match the subject.

1. I drew myself a map.

MATCHES

MISMATCH

2. Dad fixed himself a sandwich.

MATCHES

MISMATCH

3. The brothers blamed herself for the mess.

MATCHES

MISMATCH

4. A turtle pulled itself into its shell.

MATCHES

MISMATCH

5. You can check himself in the mirror.

MATCHES

MISMATCH

6. The dancers tied itself to the rope.

MATCHES

MISMATCH

7. Ms. Green prepared herself for the meeting.

MATCHES

MISMATCH

8. The players trained himself after school.

MATCHES

MISMATCH

2 PROVE IT Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN One of each

Write one new sentence for MATCHES and one new sentence for MISMATCH.

MATCHES _____

MISMATCH _____

CHALLENGE

Rewrite one MISMATCH sentence from Part 1 so the reflexive pronoun matches its subject.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	I drew myself a map.	MATCHES	Myself matches the singular subject I.
2	Dad fixed himself a sandwich.	MATCHES	Himself matches the singular subject Dad.
3	The brothers blamed herself for the mess.	MISMATCH	The plural subject brothers needs themselves, not herself.
4	A turtle pulled itself into its shell.	MATCHES	Itself matches the singular animal, a turtle.
5	You can check himself in the mirror.	MISMATCH	The subject you needs yourself, not himself.
6	The dancers tied itself to the rope.	MISMATCH	The plural subject dancers needs themselves, not itself.
7	Ms. Green prepared herself for the meeting.	MATCHES	Herself matches the singular subject Ms. Green.
8	The players trained himself after school.	MISMATCH	The plural subject players needs themselves, not himself.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **MATCHES:** Our neighbors introduced themselves to the guide.
- **MISMATCH:** The singer thanked ourselves after the show.

Challenge: The brothers blamed themselves for the mess.

Answers: 1 MATCHES, 2 MATCHES, 3 MISMATCH, 4 MATCHES, 5 MISMATCH, 6 MISMATCH, 7 MATCHES, 8 MISMATCH. In Part 2, students should name the subject and tell whether the reflexive pronoun matches it.