Mirror Match

See whether the -self word fits.

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

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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.

ANSWER KEY

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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.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. In Part 2, students should name the subject and tell whether the reflexive pronoun matches it.