

# ENGLISH PRONOUNS



*Indefinite, relative and  
reflexive pronouns*

# Reflexive Pronouns

- After certain verbs (amuse, behave, blame, burn, cut, look at, introduce, dry, enjoy, hurt, etc.)

She has no reason to blame herself for what has happened.

- After expressions (absent oneself, avail oneself (of), pride oneself (on)).

Audrey prides herself on her cooking.

- We don't use reflexive pronouns after feel, (un)dress, wash, shave, relax (except wash and dress when we talk about small children):

In the morning he got up, washed and shaved.

I'm teaching my little daughter how to dress herself.

# Reflexive Pronouns: Idioms

- **Enjoy yourself!** = *Have a good time!*
- **Behave yourself!** = *Be good!*
- **I like being by myself!** = *I like being alone.*
- **She lives by herself!** = *She lives on her own.*
- **Help yourself!** = *You're welcome to take smth. to eat.*
- **Make yourself at home!** = *Feel comfortable!*
- **Make yourself heard.** = *Speak loudly to be heard.*

**By** + reflexive pronoun (**by myself**)  
**On** + possessive pronoun (**on my own**)  
I don't like to go to the theatre **on my own.**

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She is afraid to be alone.
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3. Whenever they are playing, they are playing by \_\_\_\_\_ never inviting anybody in their circle.
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\_\_\_\_\_.

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# Relative Pronouns

is used with people

is used with things and animals

**Who/That**

That's the boy who/that lives next door.

**NB!** That is not used after commas and prepositions

**Which/That**

I saw a film which/that was directed by Polanski.

**Who/Whom/That**

The boy who/whom/that he waved to is my son.

**Which/That**

The dog which/that you saw outside is my neighbour's.

**Whose**

That's the man whose wife was awarded a grant.

**Whose/Of which**

That's the table the leg of which/whose leg is broken.



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# Indefinite Pronouns

## some, any, no

- **Some** and its compounds in affirmative sentences:

+ I need some ice to add. + There's something in my bag.

- **Some** and its compounds in interrogative sentences (offers and requests):

“Would you like something to eat?” “Yes, please.” (offer)

- **Any** and its compounds in interrogative and negative sentences:

Is there any juice in the fridge? Is there anyone at home?

- There isn't anybody at home.

- **Any** is used with negative words without, **never, seldom, rarely, hardly**, etc.

I can do this exercise without any help.



# Indefinite Pronouns

some, any, no

- **Any** in affirmative sentences in the meaning “**любой**”:

You can come **any** day you like.

In any weather – при любой погоде

- **No** and its compounds are used instead of not any in negative sentences:

+ He told me **nothing**. – He didn't tell me anything.

I have **no** idea where he is. = I haven't **any** idea where he is.

**Everybody/everyone**=all people

**Everything**=all things

**Everywhere**=in all places



# Both, either, neither

**Both** + verb in plural (оба)

**Both** boys are students.

**Either** (любой из двух) + noun in singular

You may go by either road.

**Neither** (ни тот ни другой, из двух) + noun in singular

**Neither** boy likes spaghetti.

**Both ... and ...**

**Both** Frank and Terry enjoy scuba diving.

**Either of**

**Either of** the examples is/are correct.

**Neither of**

**Neither of** them is/are married.

**Neither... nor...**

**Neither** John nor Mary was/were at home.

**Either...or...**

You can take **either** a pen or a pencil.

**None of >2**

**None of** my friends has/have travelled abroad.

**NB!** (none of the money has)

# Both, either, neither

## **NB!** Compare:

- + I speak Italian. – My son also speaks Italian.
  - My son speaks Italian too.
  - So does my son.
- I don't speak Italian. – My son doesn't speak Italian either.
- Neither (Nor) does he.

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1. It was a very good football match. .... of the teams played very well.
2. We didn't like the hotel. It was ..... clean ..... comfortable.
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5. .... of the people I met were English.
6. Is it your car or your sister's? - ... . It's my father's.
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8. I think we are ..... a little bit overtired.
9. Have your parents got a car? – No, ..... of them can drive.
10. I don't think cricket is an exciting game. - ..... do I.
11. .... you keep quiet ..... I'll have to ask you to leave.
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# All, each, every

**All + countable and uncountable nouns + verb in plural**

**All the students have passed the exam.**

**Each + countable nouns in singular**  
*(каждый в отдельности, из ограниченного круга лиц, предметов)*

**Each student in our group has a mobile.**

**Every + countable nouns in singular** *(все, каждый, всякий)*

**Every company has its partners.**

**Each of + verb in singular**

**Each of us was given a ticket for the concert.**

**Each=2 (во многих случаях)**

**Every other day**  
**Every now and then**  
**Every possible measure**  
Almost **every** person in the room

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