



SPANISH 101
PRONOMINAL VERBS
SE VERBS SIMPLIFIED
GUIDE & EXAMPLES



SPANISH PRONOMINAL VERBS

Types of pronominal verbs:

PRONOMINAL

The reflexive pronoun conveys their meaning.



Ingrid **se enojó** conmigo.
Ingrid got mad at me.

RECIPROCAL

People perform the action on each other.



Ellas **se saludaron**.
They **greet each other**.

REFLEXIVE

We perform the action on ourselves.



Cindy **se puso** labial.
Cindy put lipstick on.

SPANISH RECIPROCAL VERBS

Reciprocal

Non-reciprocal

KEY POINTS

- Two or more people perform the action on **each other**.
- Always use **plural** reflexive pronouns.



Ellas **se abrazan**.
They **hug each other**.



Él **la abraza**.
He **hugs her**.

REFLEXIVE VS PRONOMINAL VERBS

KEY POINTS

- Reflexives express that the subject performs the action on **oneself**.
- Pronominal verbs (idiomatic) need reflexive pronouns to **keep their meaning**.

Reflexive



Ellas **se quita** los guantes.
She **takes off** the gloves.

Pronominal



Luis **se perdió**.
Luis got lost.

LIST OF COMMON PRONOMINAL VERBS

REFLEXIVE

Afeitarse - *To shave*

Acostarse - *To lie down*

Bañarse - *To bathe / To shower*

Cepillarse - *To brush*

Despertarse - *To wake up*

Lavarse - *To wash oneself*

Ponerse - *To put on*

Quitarse - *To take off*

Vestirse - *To get dressed*

RECIPROCAL

Amarse - *To love each other*

Caerse bien - *To like each other*
(friends)

Despedirse - *To say goodbye to each*
other

Gustarse - *To like each other*
(romantically)

Saludarse - *To say hi to (or greet)*
each other

LIST OF COMMON PRONOMINAL VERBS

PRONOMINAL (IDIOMATIC)

Alegrarse - *To be happy*

Comerse - *To eat all of something*

Dirigirse - *To head for / To address*

Divertirse - *To have fun / To have a good time*

Enojarse - *To get mad*

Irse - *To leave*

Llamarse - *To be named*

Meterse - *To meddle / Mind your own business*

Morirse - *To die*

Negarse - *To refuse*

Perderser - *To get lost*

Preocuparse - *To worry*

Sentirse - *To feel*

Quedarse - *To stay*

Quejarse - *To complain*

Volverse - *To become*

KEY POINTS: PRONOMINAL & SE VERBS

- In Spanish, pronominals **must include** a reflexive pronoun in their conjugation.
- People often call them *se verbs* because their infinitive form **ends** with the pronoun *se*.
- Based on their meaning and elements, these verbs are **classified into**:
 - **Reflexive verbs:** actions where the subject and object are the same.
 - **Reciprocal verbs:** two or more subjects which act on each other (reciprocity).
 - **Pronominal (idiomatic) verbs:** use reflexive pronouns to keep a specific meaning.
- In Spanish, when conjugating these verbs you **must use** a reflexive object pronoun.
- In some cases, non-reflexive verbs may have **different meanings** than pronominals.

LINK TO THIS GUIDE



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