

SPANISH 101



RECIPROCAL VERBS: HOW TO USE THEM + LIST COMMON VERBS & EXAMPLES



RECIPROCAL VERBS IN SPANISH

KEY POINTS

- Reciprocal verbs have two or more subjects.
- These subjects do and also receive the action (direct objects).



Nosotros nos caemos mal.
We don't like each other.

¿Por qué Adrián y Vanessa se miran tanto?
Why do Adrian and Vanessa look at each other so much?

■ Reciprocal Verb / Action

■ Reciprocal Pronoun

REFLEXIVE VS RECIPROCAL VERBS IN SPANISH

RECIPROCAL VERBS

The action is done to each other. Only plural form.



Ellos se abrazan.
They hold each other.

REFLEXIVE VERBS

The action is done on oneself.



Yo me abrazo.
I hugged myself.

COMMON RECIPROCAL VERBS IN SPANISH

Abrazarse

To hug / To hold

Amarse

To love

Apoyarse

To support

Ayudarse

To help

Besarse

To kiss

Conocerse

To meet / To know

Despedirse

To say goodbye

Entenderse

To understand

Extrañarse

To miss

Felicitarse

To congratulate

Ignorarse

To ignore

Insultarse

To insult

COMMON RECIPROCAL VERBS IN SPANISH

Llevarse

To get along

Motivarse

To motivate

Odiarse

To hate

Pelearse

To argue / To fight

Perdonarse

To forgive

Quererse

To love

Reconciliarse

To reconcile

Respetarse

To respect

Saludarse

To greet

Tocarse

To touch

RECIPROCAL VS REFLEXIVE PRONOUNS

Reflexive verbs can also use singular pronouns since an individual person can perform an action on him- or herself whereas reciprocal actions can only be performed on 2 or more people (each other).

Subject	Reflexive Pronoun	Reciprocal Pronoun
Yo	Me	-
Tú	Te	-
Él / Ella / Usted	Se	-
Nosotros	Nos	Nos
Vosotros	Os	Os
Ellos / Ellas / Ustedes	Se	Se

CONJUGATING RECIPROCAL VERBS IN SPANISH

Follow the same steps you'll use to [conjugate reflexive verbs in Spanish](#). Remove the [infinitive ending](#) and add the tense endings you need.

-AR VERBS

-ER VERBS

-IR VERBS

	Salud <u>a</u> rse	Quer <u>e</u> rse	Desped <u>i</u> rse
Nosotros / Nosotras	Nosotros nos saludamos	Nosotros nos queremos	Nosotros nos despedimos
Vosotros / Vosotras	Vosotros os saludáis	Vosotros os queréis	Vosotros os despedís
Ellos / Ellas / Ustedes	Ellos se saludan	Ellos se quieren	Ellos se despiden

KEY POINTS: RECIPROCAL VERBS IN SPANISH

Reciprocal verbs:

- Describe actions that two or more people perform on **each other**.
- In order to express reciprocity, they are always conjugated in the **plural form**.
- Only work with the pronouns 'se', 'nos', 'os'. They can be translated as 'each other'.

Reflexive verbs:

- Describe actions that a person performs on **herself/himself**.
- Works with both **singular** and **plural forms**.

LINK TO THIS GUIDE



[Spanish Reciprocal Verbs 101](#)

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