

# SPANISH REFLEXIVE VERBS: TIPS, RULES & EXAMPLES



# WHAT ARE REFLEXIVE VERBS IN SPANISH



El chico **se afeita** la barba.  
The boy **shaves** his beard.



Tú **te atas** los cordones.  
You **tie** your shoelaces.

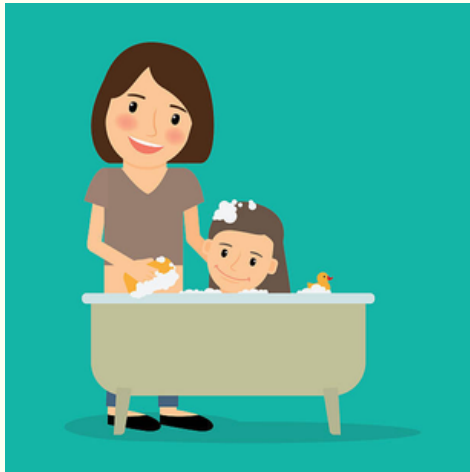


Ellas **se lavan** la cara.  
They **wash** their face

# REFLEXIVE VS NON-REFLEXIVE VERBS

## NON-REFLEXIVE VERB

The action is directed to someone else.



Sonia baña al bebé.  
Sonia bathes the baby.

## REFLEXIVE VERB

The subject and object are the same.



Yo me baño.  
I shower.

# CONJUGATING REFLEXIVE VERBS IN SPANISH

BAÑARSE

'se' needs to match the sentence's subject/object

It belongs to the **-AR** verb group. It needs to follow the endings for this group

Example: Me baño



## Steps

1. Identify the ending of the verb (-ar, -er, -ir)
2. Remove the -arse, -irse, -erse ending and add the corresponding conjugation ending
3. Add the appropriate reflexive pronoun.

# MOST COMMON REFLEXIVE VERBS

**Aburrirse**

*To get bored*

**Callarse**

*To shut up*

**Enamorarse**

*To fall in love*

**Acordarse**

*To remember*

**Cansarse**

*To get tired*

**Enfadarse**

*To get upset*

**Acostumbrarse**

*To get used to*

**Conocerse**

*To know oneself/each other*

**Equivocarse**

*To make a mistake*

**Aprenderse**

*To learn by heart*

**Cuidarse**

*To take care of oneself*

**Despedirse**

*To say goodbye*

# MOST COMMON REFLEXIVE VERBS

**Besarse**

*To kiss*

**Emborracharse**

*To get drunk*

**Imaginarse**

*To imagine*

**Llamarse**

*To be named / To be called*

**Moverse**

*To move*

**Pesarse**

*To weight yourself*

**Quejarse**

*To complain*

**Parecerse**

*To look like*

**Reírse**

*To laugh*

**Pelearse**

*To have a fight with*

**Sentirse**

*To feel*

# HOW TO CONJUGATE REFLEXIVE VERBS

Present tense conjugation of cepillarse, vestirse, and ponerse.

	<b>-AR Verbs</b>	<b>-ER Verbs</b>	<b>-IR Verbs</b>
<b>Yo</b>	Me cepillo	Me pongo	Me visto
<b>Tú</b>	Te cepillas	Te pones	Te vistes
<b>Él / Ella / Usted</b>	Se cepilla	Se pone	Se viste
<b>Nosotros</b>	Nos cepillamos	Nos ponemos	Nos vestimos
<b>Vosotros</b>	Os cepilláis	Os ponéis	Os vestís
<b>Ellos / Ellas / Ustedes</b>	Se cepillan	Se ponen	Se visten

# PRONOUN PLACEMENT FOR REFLEXIVE VERBS

SITUATION	PRONOUN PLACEMENT
VERBS IN PRESENT TENSE	BEFORE VERB
VERBS IN PAST TENSE	BEFORE VERB
VERBS IN FUTURE TENSE	BEFORE VERB
AFFIRMATIVE COMMANDS	AFTER VERB
NEGATIVE COMMANDS	BEFORE VERB
QUESTIONS	BEFORE VERB
SENTENCES WITH 2+ VERBS	BEFORE OR AFTER



# KEY POINTS: SPANISH REFLEXIVE VERBS

- A reflexive verb in Spanish indicates that someone performs an action upon oneself.
- The subject and object of the action are the same entity.
- These verbs work with **reflexive pronouns**. Unlike Spanish subject pronouns, these pronouns can never be omitted.
- Reflexive verbs in Spanish are **non-reflexive** if the action is directed towards someone or something else.
- These verbs are related to **daily routines** and **personal care** activities.
- Like other verbs, reflexives **must be conjugated** and can have stem changes or irregularities.
- The **position** of the reflexive pronoun in Spanish varies depending on the tense or mood.

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