**PRONOUNS**

A pronoun is a word that takes the place of a noun; for example, in English there are these common pronouns: I, you, he, she, it, we, they, me, him, her, us, them -- just to mention a few.

**REFLEXIVE OBJECT PRONOUNS**

**Singular Plural**

***me*** *myself* ***nos*** *ourselves*

***te*** *yourself [familiar]* ***os*** *yourselves*

***se*** *yourself[formal]* ***se*** *yourselves*

***se*** *himself* ***se*** *themselves*

***se*** *herself* ***se*** *themselves*

A reflexive verb contains a reflexive pronoun, and the action of the verb falls on the subject and its reflexive pronoun either directly or indirectly. For that reason the reflexive pronoun must agree with the subject: ***yo me***..., ***tú te***..., ***Ud. se***..., ***él se***..., ***ella se***..., ***nosotros nos***..., ***vosotros os***..., ***Uds. se***..., ***ellos se***..., ***ellas se***...

A reflexive pronoun is ordinarily placed in front of the verb form.

***Me lavo. I wash myself. Nos lavamos. We wash ourselves.***

***Te lavas. You wash yourself. Os laváis. All of you wash yourselves.***

***Se lava. You wash yourself. Se lavan. All of you wash***

***yourselves.***

***Se lava. He washes himself. Se lavan. They wash themselves.***

***Se lava. She washes herself. Se lavan. They wash themselves.***

To make a sentence negative, place no in front of the reflexive pronoun.

Note that ***me***, ***te***, ***nos***, ***os*** are not only reflexive pronouns but they are also direct object pronouns and indirect object pronouns.

A reflexive verb in Spanish is not always reflexive in English.

Spanish ***levantarse*** English ***to get up***

Spanish ***sentarse*** English ***to sit down***

There are some reflexive verbs in Spanish that are also reflexive in English.

Spanish ***bañarse*** English ***to bathe oneself***

Spanish ***lavarse*** English ***to wash oneself***

The following reflexive pronouns are also used as reciprocal pronouns, meaning “each other” or “to each other”: ***se***, ***nos***, ***os***.

***Ayer por la noche, María y yo nos Yesterday evening, Mary and I saw***

***vimos en el cine. each other at the movies.***

***Roberto y Teresa se escriben todos Robert and Teresa write to each other***

***los días. every day.***

If the meaning of these three reflexive pronouns is not clear when they are used in a reciprocal meaning, any of the following may be added accordingly to express the idea of “each other” or “to each other”: ***uno a otro***, ***una a otra***, ***unos a otros***, etc.

If you are dealing with a reflexive pronoun, it is normally placed in front of an object pronoun.

***Yo me lo puse. I put it on (me, on myself).***