

Verbs with reflexive pronouns

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Conjugation of lavarse

- If the subject and object of a verb are the same, a **reflexive pronoun** can be used.
- The **reflexive pronoun** shows that the subject acts upon itself.
- When you conjugate a verb like **lavarse**, include the **reflexive pronoun** that agrees with the subject.

yo **me** lavo

nosotros(as) **nos** lavamos

tú **te** lavas

vosotros(as) **os** laváis

Ud., él, ella **se** lava

Uds., ellos, ellas **se** lavan

Reflexive pronouns

- **Reflexive pronouns** can go before a conjugated verb or can be joined to the end of an **infinitive**.
- After reflexive verbs, use **el, la, los** or **las** with parts of the body or clothing.

(Yo) **Me** voy a **lavar la** cara. (Yo) Voy a **lavarme la** cara.

*I'm going to wash my
face.*

I'm going to wash my face.

Reflexive pronouns

- Verbs can be used with **reflexive pronouns** that refer to the subject or with direct objects that are different from the subject.

refers to the subject

Juan **se** acuesta.
Juan goes to bed.

different from the subject

Juan **acuesta** a los niños.
Juan puts the children to bed.

Infinitives for reflexive verbs

- Here are the infinitives for some common reflexive verbs which you have already seen.

afeitarse

bañarse

despertarse (ie)

entrenarse

estirarse

levantarse

mantenerse (ie)

maquillarse

peinarse

ponerse

prepararse

quitarse

relajarse

secarse

vestirse (i)