

LES VERBES PRONOMINAUX

WHAT ARE REFLEXIVE VERBS

Many activities that are part of our daily habits and routine are expressed through reflexive verbs, which are a type of pronominal verb.

Je **me réveille** à 6h.
I wake up at 6:00.

À quelle heure est-ce que tu **te réveilles**?
At what time do you wake up?

Mon frère, il **se réveille** tard, vers 10h.
My brother wakes up late, around 10.

NOTE: The pronoun that precedes the verb must agree with the subject:

with **je** use **me** or **m' + vowel**,
with **tu** use **te** or **t' + vowel**,
with **il/elle** use **se** or **s' + vowel**.

They are a form of self:
me myself,
te = yourself,
se = himself/herself.

HOW TO CONJUGATE THEM

You form pronominal verbs the same way that you form other verbs in *le présent*, *l'imparfait*, *le passé composé* or *l'infinitif*. Just add the reflexive pronoun before the verb.

example: **s'amuser (to have fun)**

Présent

Je **m'amuse**
Tu **t'amuses**
On **s'amuse**

Imparfait

Je **m'amusais**
Tu **t'amusais**
On **s'amusait**

Passé composé

Je **me suis amusé(e)**
Tu **t'es amusé(e)**
On **s'est amusé(s)**

Infinitif

J'aime m'amuser
Tu aimes t'amuser
On aime s'amuser

Note: In *le passé composé*, the past participle often agrees with the reflexive pronoun: Elle **s'est amusée**. (**s'** = herself)

NOTE: They conjugate the same way in the plural. See example in *le présent*.

Nous nous amusons
Vous vous amusez
Ils/elles s'amusent

IN THE NEGATIVE

To use a pronominal verb in the negative, place the **NE** in front of the pronoun, and the **PAS** after the conjugated verb.

Je **ne m'endors pas** en cours.
I don't fall asleep in class.

Tu **ne te reposes pas** après l'école?
Don't use rest after school?

Elle **ne se sent pas** bien.
She doesn't feel well.

Je **ne veux pas me promener**.
I don't want to go for a walk.

NOTE: With *l'infinitif*, the negation goes around the first verb (the conjugated one).

Je **ne veux pas me promener**.