

Indefinite and Reflexive Pronouns

Indefinite pronouns may not refer to specific words. They do not always have definite antecedents: Has anyone met the new kid?

Some common indefinite pronouns are listed below.

Singular Indefinite Pronouns

someone, somebody, anyone,
anybody, everyone, everybody,
something, no one, either, each

Plural Indefinite Pronouns

few, several, both, others, many,
all, some

- Use singular verb forms with singular indefinite pronouns and plural verb forms with plural indefinite pronouns: Everyone gets a cookie. Few turn it down.

Reflexive pronouns reflect the action of the verb back on the subject.

Reflexive pronouns end in *-self* or *-selves*: We introduced ourselves to her.

Singular Reflexive Pronouns

myself, himself, herself,
itself, yourself

Plural Reflexive Pronouns

ourselves, yourselves, themselves

- There are no such words as *hissself*, *theirsself*, *theirselves*, or *oursself*.

Directions Underline the pronoun in each sentence. Write *indefinite* or *reflexive* to identify the kind of pronoun it is. Then write *singular* or *plural* to show its number.

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| 1. <u>Everyone</u> is really thirsty. | <u>indefinite</u> | <u>singular</u> |
| 2. Has <u>anyone</u> seen the glasses? | <u>indefinite</u> | <u>singular</u> |
| 3. The boys help <u>themselves</u> to milk. | <u>reflexive</u> | <u>plural</u> |
| 4. <u>Others</u> want cider or lemonade. | <u>indefinite</u> | <u>plural</u> |
| 5. Ileana brought <u>herself</u> a soda. | <u>reflexive</u> | <u>singular</u> |

Directions Underline the correct pronoun in () to complete each sentence.

6. (Someone, Several) welcomes the new students to school.
7. Often that person is the principal (himself, hissself).
8. (Few, No one) want to move to a new school.
9. (Everyone, Many) looks at a new kid curiously.
10. I always introduce (myself, myselves) with a smile.
11. (Everybody, Several) were friendly to the new boy.
12. Omar and Jai introduced (theirsself, themselves).