

# 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 *hisself*, *theiresself*, *theiresselves*, or *ourself*.

**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 (theiresself, themselves).