

**themselves**[ðəm'selvz] *pron***A refl**

1. себя, себе, собой, -сь, -ся (в 3-м л. мн. ч.)

the boys hurt themselves sliding downhill - съезжая с горы, мальчики ушиблись

they were ashamed of themselves - им было стыдно за себя

they have to attend to themselves - они должны сами себя обслуживать

they were whispering among themselves - они шушукались между собой

they're going to buy themselves a new car - они собираются приобрести новую машину

they think of nobody but themselves - они ни о ком, кроме себя, не думают

(all) by themselves - а) одни; they lived by themselves there - они там жили одни; б) сами, одни, без посторонней помощи; they

did it by themselves - они сделали это сами /самостоятельно/

2. (с неопределёнными местоимениями *см.* himself) *разг.* себя

nobody could blame themselves if ... - никто не может винить себя, если ...

**Б emph**

1) сами (в 3-м л. мн. ч.)

the teachers themselves said the test was too hard - (даже) сами преподаватели говорили, что контрольная была слишком трудной

they want to see for themselves - они хотят сами убедиться /удостовериться/

2) *уст.* они

it was hard to remember how themselves sat in fear of their persons - (им) было трудно вспоминать, как они сидели в страхе за самих себя

they were not themselves for some time - некоторое время они не могли прийти в себя

they keep themselves to themselves - они ведут замкнутый образ жизни; они ни с кем не встречаются

**themselves**

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**them·selves** [themselves] *BrE* [ðəm'selvz] <sup>u</sup> *NAmE* [ðəm'selvz] <sup>u</sup> *pronoun*

1. (the reflexive form of they) used when people or animals performing an action are also affected by it

- They seemed to be enjoying themselves.
- The children were arguing amongst themselves.
- They've bought themselves a new car.

2. used to emphasize they or a plural subject

- They themselves had had a similar experience.
- Don and Julie paid for it themselves.

3. used instead of himself or herself to refer to a person whose sex is not mentioned or not known

- There wasn't anyone who hadn't enjoyed themselves. Although this use of **themselves** is fairly common, especially in spoken English, many people think it is not correct.

*Idiom:* ↑by themselves**themselves**

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**them·selves** **S1 W1** /ðəm'selvz/ *BrE* <sup>u</sup> *AmE* <sup>u</sup> *pronoun*

1. used to show that the people who do something are affected by their own action:

- Teachers have no choice but to take measures to protect themselves.
- Our neighbours have just bought themselves a jacuzzi.
- The kids seem very pleased with themselves.

2. used to emphasize the pronoun 'they', a plural noun etc:

- Doctors themselves are the first to admit the treatment has side effects.

3. used after words like 'everyone', 'anyone', 'no one' etc when you talk about someone already mentioned and you do not know what sex they are or it is not important. Many teachers think this is not correct English:

- Someone told me they'd actually seen the accident happen themselves.

4. **in themselves** (*also in and of themselves*) considered without other related ideas or situations:

- The carvings are works of art in themselves, even disregarding their religious significance.

5. **(all) by themselves**

a) alone:

older people who are living all by themselves

b) without help from anyone else:

Did the children make the model all by themselves?

6. **(all) to themselves** if people have something to themselves, they do not have to share it with anyone:

They had the whole beach to themselves.

7. **not be/feel themselves** if people are not themselves, they do not feel or behave in the way they usually do because they are nervous, upset, or ill**themselves**

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