

Non-reflexive verbs (Grammar)

- Description:** A crossword using verbs that are not reflexive in English
- Use with or after:** *English Network 3 (New Edition)*, Unit 2, Step 1.
- Skill:** Grammar
- Focus:** Verbs that are reflexive in German but not in English.
- Time:** 10 minutes
- Preparation:**
- Print out all three pages of this file.
 - Make copies of the second and third pages (worksheet and key) for each student.
- Procedure:**
- Give each student a copy of the worksheet. Ask them to fill in the words individually, and then compare with a partner.
 - They should use the horizontal "key words" to complete the rule.
 - Alternatively, you could assign this worksheet as homework.
 - When they are finished, give each person a copy of the key and refer them to the example sentences in the Language study section of Unit 2, Step 1 on page 26 of *English Network 3 (New Edition)*.

If anyone should ask about the word *normally* in the rule ("we do not normally use these verbs with the words *myself, yourself,*" etc.) you can say that there can be rare exceptions in cases where the sentence is reflexive for some other reason, such as the subject and object being identical (*The magician changed himself into a goat*) or to show that someone has personally performed an action (*He changed the tyre himself, instead of asking someone else to do it*), which in German would be expressed by the word *selbst*.

But if nobody asks about this there is no need for you to mention it.

Add a verb to each of these seven sentences, and write it in the puzzle below.

- 1 I'm sure he will ~ a lot after he gets married. He'll be very different.
- 2 Let's ~ at six o'clock by the water tower. I'll wait for you there.
- 3 You'll have to ~ to get there on time. Try not to be late.
- 4 I ~ really good today, don't you? I'm very happy.
- 5 I'd like to ~ for what I said last night. I'm very sorry.
- 6 I'm afraid I really have to ~ about the slow service in this restaurant.
- 7 I will always ~ what you said to me when we first met. I'll never forget it.

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Use the two key words (under the arrow ↓) to complete the rule:

These verbs are in English.

This means that we do **not** normally use these verbs with the words *myself, yourself, himself, herself, itself, ourselves, yourselves, themselves*.

For more examples, please have a look at the Language study section of Unit 2, Step 1 on page 26 of *English Network 3 (New Edition)*.

