



A small reminder:

The reflexive pronoun refers back to the subject:

I bought a book for myself.

You bought a book for yourself.

He bought a book for himself.

She bought a book for herself.

We bought a book for ourselves.

You bought a book for yourselves.

They bought a book for themselves.

1) Let's start with an easy task.

Fill in the gaps with the correct reflexive pronoun.



Mary made a dress. But she did not make it for herself.
She made it for her daughter.

Mr Brown bought a football. He did not buy it for _____.
He bought it for his son.

My parents got a new laptop. But it was not for _____.
It was for me.

My grandmother baked a cake. But she did not make it
for _____. She made it for my birthday party.

We built a sandcastle, but we did not build it for _____.
We built it for the little children on the beach.

Girls, do not only cook for others. Cook also for _____.

Tom, did you paint this picture for _____? Yes, I did.

The children spoke for _____.

It's okay. I can pay for it _____.

Do you have any pictures of _____?



II) Reflexive pronouns in German and English.

Not all verbs that ask for a reflexive pronoun in German also take one in English. You find some important verbs below. But there are several more.

Nicht alle Zeitwörter, die in Deutsch ein Reflexivpronomen verlangen, brauch in Englisch ebenfalls eines.

Hier sind einige wichtige Beispiele angeführt. Es gibt aber noch etliche mehr.

Examples	Beispiele
to hurry	sich beeilen
to feel	sich fühlen
to concentrate	sich konzentrieren
to worry	sich sorgen
to sit down	sich hinsetzen
to lie down	sich hinlegen
to change	sich umziehen
to dress	sich anziehen
to wash	sich waschen

Try to translate the following sentences:



Beeile dich bitte!

I feel good.

Sorge dich nicht,
alles wird gut.

A bride usually dresses
in white.

Er kann sich hier nicht
konzentrieren.

She changed her clothes
after school.

Setzt euch bitte hin, Kinder!

I would like to lie down.

III) Do you know the German meaning of these idioms?



Help yourself to some food!

Enjoy yourself!



Solutions:

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Hurry up, please!

Ich fühle mich gut/wohl.

Don't worry, everything will be alright.

Eine Braut zieht sich für gewöhnlich weiß an.

He can't concentrate here.

Sie zog sich nach der Schule um.

Please, sit down, children!

Ich möchte mich hinlegen.

III) Do you know the German meaning of these idioms?

Help yourself to some food!

Hole dir etwas zu essen, nimm dir,
was immer du willst!

Enjoy yourself!

Gute Unterhaltung! Viel Spaß!