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Reflexive Pronouns

Common French pronominal verbs



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	French	English	Example
Reflexive verbs	se laver	to wash	<i>Le chat se lave en se léchant.</i> The cat washes by licking itself.
	se préparer	to get ready	<i>Vous vous êtes préparés pour la réunion ?</i> Did you get ready for the meeting?
	se brosser	to brush	<i>Avant de partir, elle s'est brossé les dents et les cheveux.</i> Before leaving, she brushed her teeth and her hair.
	s'asseoir	to sit down	<i>Asseyez-vous !</i> Sit down!
	se faire mal*	to hurt yourself	<i>Aïe ! Je me suis fait mal au coude.</i> Ouch! I've hurt my elbow.
	se coucher	to go to bed	<i>Tu te couches à quelle heure en général ?</i> At what time do you usually go to bed?
	s'habiller	to get dressed	<i>Pour le carnaval, on s'habillera en clown !</i> For the carnival, we'll dress as clowns.
	se réveiller	to wake up	<i>Demain matin, je vais me réveiller à 6h15 pour faire un jogging.</i> Tomorrow morning, I'm going to wake up at 6:15am to have a jog.
	se doucher	to shower	<i>Je me doucherai après m'être baigné dans la mer.</i> I will have a shower after swimming in the sea.
	se lever	to get up	<i>Elle se serait levée deux fois pendant la nuit.</i> She would have got up three times during the night.



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Reciprocal verbs	s'aider	to help each other	<i>Les volontaires se sont beaucoup aidés.</i> The volunteers helped each other a lot.
	se comprendre	to understand each other	<i>On ne se comprend pas du tout !</i> We don't understand each other at all.
	se poser des questions	to ask each other questions	<i>Les étudiants se posent des questions en espagnol.</i> Students are asking each other questions in Spanish.
	se regarder	to look at each other	<i>Elles se sont regardées à travers la vitre de la voiture.</i> They looked at each other through the car window.
	se téléphoner*	to phone each other	<i>Nous nous téléphonons chaque mardi après-midi.</i> We call each other every Tuesday afternoon.
	se voir	to see each other	<i>On se voit samedi prochain ?</i> Shall we see each other next Saturday?
	se parler*	to speak to each other	<i>Ils se sont parlé jeudi.</i> They spoke to each other on Thursday.
	s'aimer	to love each other	<i>Mes grands-parents s'aiment depuis 53 ans !</i> My grandparents have loved each other for 53 years!
	s'envoyer	to send to each other	<i>On s'enverra des courriels de temps en temps.</i> We will email each other from time to time.
	se ressembler	to look like each other	<i>Elles se ressemblent comme deux gouttes d'eau !</i> They are like two peas in a pod. (Literally: They are as similar as two drops of water.)

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Idiomatic verbs	s'en aller	to go away	<i>Tu t'en vas déjà ?</i> Are you going already?
	s'amuser	to have fun	<i>On va bien s'amuser au skate-parc.</i> We're going to have fun at the skate park.
	s'appeler	to be called	<i>Ils s'appelaient Léo et Zoé.</i> They were called Leo and Zoé.
	se débrouiller	to get by, to manage by yourself	<i>Débrouille-toi ! Je n'ai pas le temps de t'aider.</i> Sort it out by yourself! I don't have time to help you.
	se dépêcher	to hurry	<i>Dépêchez-vous, vous allez rater le début du film !</i> Hurry up, you're going to miss the beginning of the movie.
	s'ennuyer	to be bored	<i>On s'ennuie chez Mélanie !</i> We get bored at Melanie's!
	s'entendre	to get on	<i>Mes enfants se sont bien entendus avec leurs cousins.</i> My children got on well with their cousins.
	se passer	to happen	<i>Qu'est-ce qui se passe ?</i> What is happening?
	se réunir	to meet, to get together	<i>Nous nous réunirons le 13 avril.</i> We will meet on April 13th.
	se trouver	to be situated / located	<i>L'opéra se trouve en face de la mairie.</i> The opera house is located in front of the town hall.



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Essential pronominal verbs	s'absenter	to be away, to go out	<i>Votre kinésithérapeute s'absentera du 14 au 21 août.</i> Your physiotherapist will be away from August 14 to 21.
	s'accroupir	to squat	<i>Pour le prochain exercice, accroupissez-vous !</i> For the next exercise, squat!
	se blottir	to snuggle	<i>Le petit garçon s'est blotti contre son papa.</i> The little boy snuggled up to his daddy.
	s'écrouler	to collapse	<i>Ces trois immeubles se sont écroulés pendant le tremblement de terre.</i> These three buildings collapsed during the earthquake.
	s'entraider	to help one another	<i>Après l'inondation, les gens se sont beaucoupentraidés.</i> After the flood, people helped each other a lot.
	s'envoler	to fly away	<i>Le perroquet s'est envolé rapidement.</i> The parrot quickly flew away.
	se marrer	to giggle	<i>Ils se sont bien marrés pendant le film !</i> They had a good giggle during the movie!
	se méfier	to be wary of	<i>Je me méfie des vendeurs.</i> I am wary of salespeople.
	se méprendre	to be mistaken	<i>Vous vous méprenez. Je n'ai pas pris votre veste !</i> You are mistaken. I didn't take your jacket!
	se prélasser	to lounge, to bask	<i>Mes vacances étaient super. J'ai passé toute la semaine à me prélasser au soleil.</i> My vacation was great. I spent the whole week basking in the sun.



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Some pronominal verbs with a different meaning in their non-pronominal form

Non-Reflexive	English	Reflexive	English
<i>s'appeler</i>	to be called	<i>appeler</i>	to call
<i>s'attendre à</i>	to expect	<i>attendre</i>	to wait
<i>s'ennuyer</i>	to be bored	<i>ennuyer</i>	to bother
<i>s'entendre</i>	to get along	<i>entendre</i>	to hear
<i>s'occuper de</i>	to look after	<i>occuper</i>	to occupy
<i>se battre</i>	to fight	<i>battre</i>	to beat
<i>se demander</i>	to wonder	<i>demander</i>	to ask
<i>se dépêcher</i>	to hurry	<i>dépêcher</i>	to dispatch
<i>se diriger vers</i>	to head toward	<i>diriger</i>	to be in charge of
<i>se douter</i>	to suspect	<i>douter</i>	to doubt
<i>se lever</i>	to get up	<i>lever</i>	to lift, to raise
<i>se passer de</i>	to do without	<i>passer</i>	to spend time
<i>se plaindre</i>	to complain	<i>plaindre</i>	to pity
<i>se servir de</i>	to use	<i>servir</i>	to serve
<i>se tromper</i>	to make a mistake	<i>tromper</i>	to deceive

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