

## 2.3

## Reciprocal reflexives



Tutorial

## ANTE TODO

You have learned that reflexive verbs indicate that the subject of a sentence does the action to itself. Reciprocal reflexives (**los reflexivos recíprocos**), on the other hand, express a shared or reciprocal action between two or more people or things. In this context, the pronoun means *(to) each other* or *(to) one another*.

Luis y Marta **se** miran en el espejo.*Luis and Marta look at themselves in the mirror.*Luis y Marta **se** miran.*Luis and Marta look at each other.*

- Only the plural forms of the reflexive pronouns (**nos, os, se**) are used to express reciprocal actions because the action must involve more than one person or thing.

Cuando **nos vimos** en la calle,  
**nos abrazamos**.

*When we saw each other on the street, we hugged (one another).*

Ustedes **se** van a **encontrar** en el cibercafé, ¿no?

*You are meeting (each other) at the cybercafé, right?*

**Nos ayudamos** cuando usamos la computadora.

*We help each other when we use the computer.*

Las amigas **se saludaron** y **se besaron**.

*The friends greeted each other and kissed (one another).*

## ¡ATENCIÓN!

Here is a list of common verbs that can express reciprocal actions:

**abrazar(se)** to hug; to embrace (each other)  
**ayudar(se)** to help (each other)  
**besar(se)** to kiss (each other)  
**encontrar(se)** to meet (each other); to run into (each other)  
**saludar(se)** to greet (each other)



## ¡INTÉNTALO!

Indica el reflexivo recíproco adecuado y el presente o el pretérito de estos verbos.

## presente

- (escribir) Los novios se escriben.  
Nosotros \_\_\_\_\_.  
Ana y Ernesto \_\_\_\_\_.
- (escuchar) Mis tíos \_\_\_\_\_.  
Nosotros \_\_\_\_\_.  
Ellos \_\_\_\_\_.
- (ver) Nosotros \_\_\_\_\_.  
Fernando y Tomás \_\_\_\_\_.  
Ustedes \_\_\_\_\_.
- (llamar) Ellas \_\_\_\_\_.  
Mis hermanos \_\_\_\_\_.  
Pepa y yo \_\_\_\_\_.

## pretérito

- (saludar) Nicolás y tú se saludaron.  
Nuestros vecinos \_\_\_\_\_.  
Nosotros \_\_\_\_\_.
- (hablar) Los amigos \_\_\_\_\_.  
Elena y yo \_\_\_\_\_.  
Nosotras \_\_\_\_\_.
- (conocer) Alberto y yo \_\_\_\_\_.  
Ustedes \_\_\_\_\_.  
Ellos \_\_\_\_\_.
- (encontrar) Ana y Javier \_\_\_\_\_.  
Los primos \_\_\_\_\_.  
Mi hermana y yo \_\_\_\_\_.

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