

Pronominal and reflexive verbs.

Pronominal verbs are those that go preceded by the **pronoun** of the subject, like the subject did it to himself (reflexive verbs are a type of pronominal verbs).

An example of a reflexive verb is to wash (lavarse)

Yo me lavo	I wash myself
Tú te lavas	You wash yourself
Él se lava	He washes himself
Nosotros nos lavamos	We wash ourselves
Vosotros os lavais	You wash yourselves
Ellos se lavan	They wash themselves

But not all pronominal verbs are verbs that the subject does upon himself, some are pronominal even though the action is not reflexive. On example is to wake up (despertarse).

Yo me despierto	I wake up
Tú te despiertas	You wake up
Él se despierta	He wakes up
Nosotros nos despertamos	We wake up
Vosotros os despertais	You wake up
Ellos se despiertan	They wake up

Other examples of pronominal verbs are to get up (levantarse), to have a shower (ducharse), to dry up (secarse) or to get wet (mojarse). These verbs are reflexive, **but in some cases they could be used non-reflexively** (it is possible to dry something or someone other than yourself or to wake up someone else) and in those cases they don't have the pronoun.

The verbs that are pronominal even though they are not reflexive, are always pronominal. Example of this type is the verb to laugh (reírse).

Repertoire of pronominal verbs:

to wake up	despertarse
to get up	levantarse
to shave	afeitarse
to dress up	vestirse
to get naked	desnudarse
to get wet	mojarse
to get dry	secarse
to laugh	reirse
to stand up	levantarse
to sit down	sentarse
to leave	irse
to worry	preocuparse
to move	moverse
to eat (specific thing)	comerse
to drink (specific thing)	beberse
to fall	caerse

to fall in love	enamorarse
to get sick	ponerse enfermo