

3 I'm Now a Grown-up!

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Grammar Notes

Reflexive Pronouns



We use **reflexive pronouns** to show that people can do something without help from others.

Subject pronouns	Reflexive pronouns
I	myself
You	yourself / yourselves
We	ourselves
They	themselves

Subject pronouns	Reflexive pronouns
He	himself
She	herself
It	itself

Grammar Tip

We often use 'by' with reflexive pronouns.

Grammar Tip

We use 'yourselves' when talking about more than one person.
e.g. Miss Li said to the class, 'I know you all can do the homework by **yourselves**!'

I	can tie my shoelaces	by	myself.
Ellie	can comb her hair	by	herself.

Warm-up

A Ellie and her friends are talking about abilities. Draw lines to match the correct reflexive pronouns to the sentences.

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| 1. I can wear a tie by ____. | • | • himself |
| 2. Lucy and I can bake cakes by ____. | • | • itself |
| 3. Sam can wash all the dishes by ____. | • | • myself |
| 4. Sam and Nicky can eat with chopsticks by ____. | • | • ourselves |
| 5. My dog Max can finish a meal by ____. | • | • herself |
| 6. Jess can go to school by ____. | • | • themselves |



Grammar Notes

Connective: when Modal Verb: could

We use the connective **'when'** to link two actions when they are related by the time that something happens. We use the modal verb **'could'** and the connective **'when'** to talk about people's abilities in the past. We use the simple past tense in the when-clause.

What	could	Ellie do	when	she was three?
	couldn't	Ellie and Jasper do		they were small?

Jasper	could	put on his shoes by himself	when	he was three.
	could not / couldn't			

Grammar Tip

We can also put the when-clause in the beginning.



Common Errors

- ✓ When Ellie **was** two, she couldn't comb her hair.
- ✗ When Ellie **is** two, she couldn't comb her hair.

- When Vicky and Victor **are / were** six, they could read English books by themselves.
- Lily could pack her school bag when she **is / was** in Primary 2.

Warm-up



Mrs Fan is talking about her childhood. Fill in the blanks with 'when', 'could', 'couldn't', 'was' or 'were'.

- _____ I was four, I _____ eat with chopsticks. Grandma thought I was smart.
- However, I _____ tie my shoelaces _____ I was six.
- I _____ peel an apple by myself _____ I was eight. I didn't know how to use a knife or a peeler.
- _____ I _____ nine, I _____ swim without a lifebuoy. I only learnt how to do it _____ I was twelve.
- Children, what _____ you do _____ you _____ small?



Practice



Jasper is chatting with his dad. Complete their conversation with the correct reflexive pronouns, 'when', 'could' and the correct form of the given verbs.



Dad, what could you do ① _____ you

② _____ (be) small?



Look at this photo. ③ _____ I

④ _____ (be) five, I

⑤ _____ (✓ ride) a bicycle by

⑥ _____ . But your mum

⑦ _____ (✗ ride) a bicycle by ⑧ _____ when she

was young. She was afraid of falling off the bike.



I think riding a bicycle is not that difficult. What other things ⑨ _____

you _____ (do) when you were small? Could you go to the playground

by ⑩ _____ ?



Yes, I could. I was very independent and I loved riding around on my bicycle. However,

some of my classmates ⑪ _____ (✗ go) to the

playground by ⑫ _____ . They got lost easily.



Hint: Q12

What is the subject of the sentence?

Proofreading



There is one mistake in each numbered line. Correct the underlined mistakes for Questions 1-2. Underline and correct the mistakes for Questions 3-8.

1. Luke could pack his school bag when he is seven. He did not

1. _____

2. need help from his parents. He could also puts on his shirt

2. _____

3. and button it by themselves. But he needed help from his

3. _____

4. mum when he prepared a meal. He could use a knife



4. _____

5. because it was too sharp. Where he was nine, he learnt how

5. _____

6. to use a knife so he can hold it properly and wouldn't cut his



6. _____

7. own fingers. He could make a salad with himself. His sister

7. _____

8. joined him too. They could even make dinner by them.

8. _____

Grammar in Context

Text Type:
Blog entry

E Ellie is writing a blog entry. Complete the blog entry with the correct reflexive pronouns, 'when', 'by' and the correct form of the given verbs.

can can't

bake be button comb fry put tie

http://www.superblog.com.hk/elliebunny

Welcome to Ellie's Blog

Sharing Some Photos of the Little Me 😊

23 November 20XX, 8:00 p.m.

Hey everyone! My cousin Jasper and I found an old photo album today. Look at these photos! These were some of the things we could

do ① _____ we ② _____ little.

I ③ _____ my hair and ④ _____ my

hair up by ⑤ _____. However, I ⑥ _____ my clothes well. Do you see some buttons were done wrong in the photo?

Jasper ⑦ _____ on his shoes but he

⑧ _____ his shoelaces

⑨ _____ he was five. So, I often helped him and taught him how to do it. Now, both of us can tie our shoelaces by

⑩ _____ quickly.

I love making desserts. ⑪ _____ I was eight, I

⑫ _____ a cake. In the photo, I made a birthday cake for Jasper. I'm sure it was delicious because he ate the whole cake all

⑬ _____ ⑭ _____!



Hint: Q7 & 8

We use the connective 'but' to link contrasting ideas.



Hint: Q15

Pay attention to the word 'now' and use the correct tense.

1 comment:

Posted by *HappyJudy*

23 November 20XX, 8:10 p.m.

You are good at cooking. My little sister is eight now but she ⑮ _____ an egg by ⑯ _____. Maybe you can teach her.