

A reflexive verb expresses an action performed and received by the same subject. Not all verbs can become reflexive. Those that do drop the final **-e** of the infinitive and add the pronoun **-si**.

<b>Nonreflexive</b>	<b>Reflexive</b>
addormentare <i>to put (someone) to sleep</i>	addormentarsi <i>to fall asleep</i>
aggiungere <i>to add something</i>	<u>aggiungersi</u> (a) <i>to join, to be added (to)</i>
agitare <i>to shake (someone/something)</i>	agitarsi <i>to get upset; to toss and turn</i>
alzare <i>to raise, lift (up) something/s.o.</i>	alzarsi <i>to get up, to rise; to stand up</i>
annoiare <i>to annoy, bother, bore (someone)</i>	annoiarsi <i>to get annoyed or bored</i>
arrabbiare <i>to get someone angry</i>	arrabbiarsi <i>to get angry</i>
bruciare <i>to burn, scald (something/s.o.)</i>	<b>bruciarsi</b> <i>to get scorched, burned, scalded</i>
cambiare <i>to change, alter (something)</i>	cambiarsi <i>get/become changed; transformed</i>
chiamare <i>to call (someone)</i>	chiamarsi <i>to be called, to be named</i>
chiedere <i>to ask; to ask for; to request (smthg)</i>	chiedersi (se) <i>to ask oneself; to wonder (if)</i>
confondere <i>to confuse, mix up, jumble up</i>	confondersi <i>to be/get confused; get mixed up</i>
coprire <i>to cover (someone/smthg)</i>	coprirsi <i>to cover oneself</i>
divertire <i>to amuse (someone)</i>	divertirsi <i>enjoy o.s., to have fun/a good time</i>
fare male a <i>to hurt (something/someone)</i>	<b>farsi male</b> <i>to get hurt, to hurt oneself</i>
fermare <i>to stop (someone or something)</i>	<b>fermarsi</b> <i>to stop or stop (at a place)</i>
fidanzare <i>to promise (someone) in matrimony</i>	fidanzarsi (con) <i>to get engaged (to)</i>
giocare <i>to play (a game)</i>	giocarsi <i>to gamble away; to risk, jeopardize</i>
guardare <i>to look at; to watch (something/s.o.)</i>	guardarsi <i>to look at oneself</i>
incontrare qd. <i>meet; run/bump into, come/run across (s.o.); (sport) meet, encounter, play</i>	<b>incontrarsi</b> con qd. <i>to meet (with s.o.); to meet (each other), come/run across (run/bump into)</i>
innamorare <i>to cause to fall in love, to enchant</i>	innamorarsi ( <b>di</b> ) <i>to fall in love (with)</i>
lamentare <i>mourn(over), lament, bewail (s.o.)</i>	lamentarsi (di) <i>to complain, moan (about)</i>
lavare <i>to wash (someone/something)</i>	lavarsi <i>to wash (oneself); to get washed</i>
mettere <i>to place, put (someone/something)</i>	mettersi <i>to put on (clothing); to put oneself</i>
muovere <i>to move (someone/something)</i>	<b>muoversi</b> <i>budge, make a move, get a move on</i>
nascondere <i>to hide (someone/something)</i>	<b>nascondersi</b> <i>to hide (oneself), to get hidden</i>
offendere <i>to offend (someone/something)</i>	offendersi <i>to get offended, take offense at</i>
offrire <i>to offer, treat someone to</i>	<u>offrirsi</u> (per) <i>to volunteer (for)</i>
perdere <i>to lose (someone/something)</i>	perdersi <i>to become lost</i>
permettere <i>to allow, let, permit (a qualcuno di fare qualcosa); to enable, make possible</i>	<b>permettersi</b> <i>to allow oneself, to afford; to dare to; to take the liberty</i>
pettinare <i>to comb (someone/something)</i>	pettinarsi <i>to comb (one's hair)</i>
piegare <i>to bend, fold, pleat; subdue (s.o./smthg)</i>	<u>piegarsi</u> <i>to bend, to bow; twist; to yield, submit</i>
preoccupare <i>to worry, to trouble (someone)</i>	<u>preoccuparsi</u> <i>to be worried/concerned/anxious</i>
preparare <i>to prepare (someone/something)</i>	prepararsi <i>to get ready; to prepare oneself</i>
prestare <i>to loan, lend, give (ear, a hand, smthg)</i>	<u>prestarsi</u> <i>to put oneself out for; to lend itself to</i>
rilassare <i>to relax, loosen, slacken (something)</i>	rilassarsi <i>to become relaxed/slack; to unwind</i>
riposare <i>to rest, let something rest</i>	riposarsi <i>to rest, take/have a rest</i>
rompere <i>to break (off), shatter, smash, tear, rip; break (through); burst; bust (something)</i>	<b>rompersi</b> <i>to come apart, to break (into pieces) (un gamba), break down; fracture, rupture</i>
sciogliere <i>to undo, loosen(up), melt (smthg/s.o.)</i>	<u>sciogliersi</u> <i>to get undone/loose; to melt</i>

scusare to excuse; apologize for (s.o./smthg)	scusarsi to excuse oneself, to apologize
sdraiare to lay, put, set someone down	sdraiarsi to stretch (oneself) out; to lie down
sedere to sit (in/on)	sedersi to sit down, to take a seat
sentire to feel, sense, hear (someone/something)	sentirsi to feel [feelings, not touch]
spogliare to undress (someone/something)	spogliarsi to get undressed
sposare to marry (someone)	sposarsi to get married
stupire (stupisco, stupisci; essere) to stupefy, amaze, astonish, astound (someone)	stupirsi (di) to be astonished, amazed, very surprised (at), stupefied (by)
svegliare to wake (someone) up	svegliarsi to wake up
togliere* to remove, take away, deduct (smthg)	<u>togliersi</u> to take off (one's coat, etc..)
truccare to make up someone; to rig (election)	truccarsi to put one's make up on
ubriacare to get s.o. drunk, to daze, stun	ubriacarsi to get drunk, tipsy
tagliare to cut (something/someone)	tagliarsi to cut oneself; clip (le unghie=nails)
vedere to see (someone/something)	<u>vedersi</u> to see oneself
vergognare to shame someone	<b>vergognarsi</b> be/feel ashamed; to be (too) shy

\*tolgo, togli, toglie, togliamo, togliete, tolgono [passato: tolto]

### Verbi Riflessivi

- Expresses an action that refers back to the subject. Almost all transitive verbs can become reflexive. Intransitive verbs (andare, venire...) cannot become riflessivi.
- The infinitive of a reflexive consists of the regular infinitive and the third person pronoun **si**. The final **-e** of infinitive is dropped and the **si** attached. (alzarsi, divertirsi)
- A reflexive is conjugated like other verbs but is preceded by the reflexive pronoun.  
**Mi** alzo sempre alle sette.                                      Gigliola **si** sveglia presto ogni mattina.
- In the **past tense**, reflexive verbs take **essere** as their helping verb. The verb ending always agrees with its subject in **gender/number**.                      Ci **siamo** alzati alle sette.
- If the reflexive verb is used in the infinitive, the pronoun (**mi, ti, si, ci, vi, si**), which must agree with the subject, is attached to it.                      Andiamo in Italia per rilassar**ci**.

When a **potere, dovere, or volere** precede a reflexive verb, the pronoun can either go before the entire verb group or attach itself to the infinitive.

Domani **mi** devo alzare presto.

Domani devo alzarmi **mi** presto.

- Italian uses reflexives more frequently than English. The expressions *to get* and *to become* are often expressed in Italian with reflexive construction.

annoiarsi to get (become) bored

preoccuparsi to get (become) worried

arrabbiarsi to get (become) angry

sposarsi to get married

arricchirsi to get (become) rich

vestirsi to get dressed

- The reflexive replaces the **POSSESSIVE** adjective when the action refers to parts of the subject's body or clothing (although the article "**the**" remains).

Mi lavo **le** mani prima di mangiare.

Devo ancora asciugarmi **i** capelli.

