

Spanish

Talking about relationships [3/3]

- Using verbs reflexively**

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Final Syllable Stress

Remember: if the stress is on the final syllable, and the word ends in a vowel, 'n' or 's', then there will be an accent on the last vowel.

- 1 beber
- 2 opción
- 3 color
- 4 llevar
- 5 también

- 6 después
- 7 feliz
- 8 estación

el amor	love
la vida	life
pelear	to argue, arguing to fight, fighting
pelearse	to have a fight/argument having a fight/argument
casar	to marry, marrying
casarse	to get married, getting married
divertir	to amuse, amusing
divertirse	to have fun, having fun
cada	each, every



Using verbs reflexively

Most verbs can be used reflexively. The reflexive meaning of an infinitive verb is indicated by the -se at the end: apoyar/apoyarse

Previously we looked at how the **meaning** changes between *llevar* and *llevarse*.

However, a verb *can* use reflexive pronouns without the fundamental meaning changing:

Apoyo a mi madre - I support my mother

Me apoyo - I support myself

In the 'we' form, the meaning is often 'each other'

Nos apoyamos - We support each other



Using verbs reflexively

el cura = priest el payaso = clown
el hombre = man

	Spanish phrase	Infinitive:	Translation
1.	El cura casa a los hombres.	casar	The priest marries the men.
2.	Los hombres se casan.	casarse	The men marry each other.
3.	Nos divertimos mucho.	divertirse	We have a lot of fun (with each other).
4.	El payaso divierte a los chicos.	divertir	The clown entertains the boys (or boys and girls).
5.	Mis amigos se apoyan en todo.	apoyarse	My friends support each other in everything.
6.	Apoya a su padre.	apoyar	S/he supports his/her father.
7.	Me peleo con mi hermano.	pelearse	I have arguments/fights with my brother.
8.	Peleo con mi hermano.	pelear	I argue/fight with my brother.



1. If an infinitive ends in ' _____ **se** _____ ' it can be used reflexively.
2. 'Apoyar' and 'apoyarse' have the same meaning. True/False
3. **Divertirse** means '*to have fun*'.
4. Translate: '*Mis amigos y yo nos apoyamos*'
My friends and I support each other
5. Translate: '*I met my friend on the beach*'
Conocí a mi amigo en la playa

