

## PRONOUNS (4)

### Reciprocal Pronouns (06)

In context

3 min

What is a reciprocal pronoun?



They love *each other*.



The men were fighting *one another*.

## Reciprocal Pronouns

7 min

We use a reciprocal pronoun when each of two or more subjects is acting in the same way towards the other(s). There are 2 reciprocal pronouns: 'each other' and 'one another'. In theory, we use 'each other' for 2 people and 'one another' for 3 or more people, but this distinction is no longer made much. 'each other' is more commonly used.

### Examples:

Andrea loves Jason and Jason loves Andrea: they love *each other*.

The 5 children were blaming *one another*.

It is possible to use the possessive with reciprocal pronouns.

### Example:

They looked at *each other's* faces.

## Writing Exercise

5 min

Complete the sentences with one of the 2 choices.

1. For Christmas, my friend and I gave \_\_\_\_\_ gifts. (each other / ourselves)
2. We went to Las Vegas, but we did not enjoy \_\_\_\_\_. (each other / ourselves)
3. My cousins don't get along, they never call \_\_\_\_\_. (one another / themselves)
4. Matt and Wendy kissed \_\_\_\_\_. (each other / one another)
5. Heather and Liam went skiing and hurt \_\_\_\_\_. (each other / themselves)

## Speaking Exercise with the Teacher

5 min

Use a reciprocal pronoun to describe the pictures below.

Example:



To motivate

They are motivating one another.



to look at



to talk



to communicate

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<sup>1</sup> Pictures for 'to look at' and 'to talk' from photostock / FreeDigitalPhotos.net  
Picture for 'to communicate' from jscreationzs / FreeDigitalPhotos.net

## Watch the Video!

10 min

With this song, you will practice using different pronouns, including reciprocal pronouns.

Watch the video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RDwsEdISMJY>

Watch it again and answer the questions.

1. Which reciprocal pronoun is repeated many times in the song?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Complete the lyrics with the missing pronouns:

Is it getting better

Or do \_\_\_\_\_ feel the same

Will \_\_\_\_\_ make it easier on you now

You got someone to blame

You say...

One love

One life

When it's one need

In the night

One love

\_\_\_\_\_ get to share it

Leaves you baby if you

Don't care for \_\_\_\_\_

Did \_\_\_\_\_ disappoint you

Or leave a bad taste in \_\_\_\_\_ mouth

You act like you never had love

And you want \_\_\_\_\_ to go without

Well it's...

Too late

Tonight  
To drag the past out into the light  
We're one, but we're not the same  
We get to  
Carry \_\_\_\_\_  
Carry \_\_\_\_\_  
One...

Have you come here for forgiveness  
Have you come to raise the dead  
Have you come here to play Jesus  
To the lepers in \_\_\_\_\_ head

Did \_\_\_\_\_ ask too much  
More than a lot  
You gave me nothing  
Now it's all I got  
\_\_\_\_\_ 're one  
But we're not the same  
Well we  
Hurt \_\_\_\_\_  
Then we do it again  
You say  
Love is a temple  
Love a higher law  
Love is a temple  
Love the higher law  
You ask \_\_\_\_\_ to enter  
But then you make me crawl  
And I can't be holding on  
To what you got  
When all you got is hurt

One love  
One blood  
One life  
You got to do what \_\_\_\_\_ should  
One life

With \_\_\_\_\_

Sisters

Brothers

One life

But we're not the same

We get to

Carry \_\_\_\_\_

Carry \_\_\_\_\_

One...life

One

## Quiz

5 min

### True or False?

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| 1. There are many reciprocal pronouns.   | true | false |
| 2. We use a reciprocal pronoun when each of two or more subjects is acting in the same way towards the other(s). | true | false |
| 3. 'each other' is more commonly used than 'one another'.  | true | false |
| 4. It is not correct to use 'each other' for 2 people.   | true | false |

### Choose the correct pronoun:

1. We speak to \_\_\_\_\_ every week. (each other / us)
2. They don't know \_\_\_\_\_. (themselves / one another)
3. He is looking at \_\_\_\_\_ in the mirror. (each other / himself)
4. Beth and I call \_\_\_\_\_ for our birthdays. (each other / ourselves)
5. Teenagers communicate with \_\_\_\_\_ by text messages. (themselves / one another)