**He-Him-Himself: English Grammar**

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It has been a very common observation that people nowadays communicate through writing more than ever. Attending phone calls seem to consume a lot of time and rather people just believe in dropping crisp messages through emails, LinkedIn or WhatsApp. Emails have also become one of the standard platforms for business and countless dealings and group discussions. Forums have also taken a place where people in large number get together to discuss on a similar topic. With the popularization of these online platforms, the importance of English grammar has also raised to a higher level. Proper usage of spelling and good English grammar is imperative for all of these methods of communication.

Now, moving ahead with our sessions on nouns and pronouns - He, Him, Himself. Let's see how we can use these words by replacing the proper nouns in the sentences.

We are aware by the English grammar rule that a pronoun is a word that will replace a noun in a sentence. Pronouns are used in the sentences so that the language does not become cumbersome with the repetition of same nouns again and again in a single paragraph. Some examples of pronouns are *I*, *me*, *mine*, *myself*, *she*, *her*, *hers*, *herself*, *we*, *us*, *ours* and *ourselves*.

* *We know that the common words of the English grammar He*, *him*, *his* and *himself*, for example, all refer to a male person or something belonging to him.
* *The words They*, *them*, *theirs* and *themselves* are used to refer to a group or something belonging to a group, and so on.

The truth behind the usage of different types of pronouns is that each of them serves a different purpose in a sentence.

* He is the man of my life
* He is very clever and very handsome too.
* The criminal received the punishment he deserved
* He 's the fifth in the line of succession.
* He brushed her cheek with his lips.

**Him vs Himself**

We have been studying all this time that pronouns in English grammar have their reflexive forms such as myself for I, himself for he, herself for she, ourselves for we, themselves for they, and so on. The golden rule of English grammar states that the use of reflexive pronouns is important as they become necessary when the object in a sentence is the same as the subject. Understanding that reflexive pronouns are also used to put an emphasis on the subject and also as preposition’s object. Check out the sentences given below to get a clear idea and understanding of the usage of words himself and him.

**Check out the sentences where the subject and object are the same**

*• My little son loves to dress himself without taking my help.*

*• He injured himself while driving the car.*

**Sentences where putting an emphasis on the subject**

• *The great man himself signed the cricket bat for his little fan*

*• He did all the cleaning work by himself.*

**Sentences where we use reflexive pronouns - Him vs Himself**

• A reflexive pronoun is used in the sentence instead of repeating the pronoun in a sentence and not to make it cumbersome. The word ‘himself’ is a reflexive pronoun and is used for emphasizing when the object and the subject are the same. For example, we can see here,

* The programmer gave himself a pat on the back when his seniors began implementing the software he created.

Till now we have got a greater understanding of the situation but although you should always avoid using the singular form until it is more widely accepted as good English. Now that you’ve learned and understood the difference between the usage of He-Him-Himself and got detailed information about reflexive pronouns give a thumbs up to yourself!!EnglishBix