

### Step 1: Create a Table

```
CREATE TABLE employees (  
    employee_id INT PRIMARY KEY,  
    employee_name VARCHAR(50),  
    manager_id INT  
);
```

### Step 2: Insert Records

We'll insert some sample data into the employees table.

```
INSERT INTO employees (employee_id, employee_name,  
manager_id) VALUES  
(1, 'Rajesh', NULL),  
(2, 'Vikram', 1),  
(3, 'Anita', 1),  
(4, 'Suresh', 2),  
(5, 'Priya', 2);
```

Here, Rajesh is a manager and does not have a manager himself (manager\_id is NULL). Vikram and Anita report to Rajesh, and Suresh and Priya report to Vikram.

### Step 3: Perform a Self-Join

Now, let's perform a self-join to find out the names of employees and their respective managers.

```
SELECT  
    e1.employee_name AS Employee,  
    e2.employee_name AS Manager  
FROM  
    employees e1  
LEFT JOIN  
    employees e2  
ON  
    e1.manager_id = e2.employee_id;
```

## Explanation

- employees e1 is the first instance of the table.
- employees e2 is the second instance of the table.
- We perform a LEFT JOIN on `e1.manager_id = e2.employee_id` to get the manager's name for each employee.

## Result

The result of the query would be:

### Employee Manager

|        |        |
|--------|--------|
| Rajesh | NULL   |
| Vikram | Rajesh |
| Anita  | Rajesh |
| Suresh | Vikram |
| Priya  | Vikram |

This shows each employee alongside their manager's name. Rajesh has no manager because his `manager_id` is NULL.

This example demonstrates how a self-join can be used to relate rows within the same table