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Intensive Pronouns: Learn and Practice

Use self and selves pronouns for emphasis

Read each question. Circle the best answer.

💡 Intensive Pronouns

- Intensive pronouns end in self or selves, like myself or themselves.
- They add emphasis, and the sentence still makes sense without them.
- Reflexive pronouns look the same but are needed, because the action goes back to the subject.
- The mayor herself cut the ribbon.

1 Choose the intensive pronoun: The students ___ planned the trip.

A. them B. theirselves C. their D. themselves

2 Which word is the intensive pronoun in: The chef herself tasted the soup?

A. soup B. herself C. chef D. tasted

3 Which sentence uses an intensive pronoun correctly?

A. The author itself signed it.

B. The author himself signed it.

C. The author herselves signed it.

D. The author hisself signed it.

4 In which sentence is themselves reflexive?

A. The kids themselves built it.

B. The judges themselves agreed.

C. The kids built it themselves.

D. The kids dried themselves off.

5 Intensive pronouns end with which word part?

A. ly B. ing or ed C. er or est D. self or selves

6 What job does an intensive pronoun do?

A. It describes a verb B. It joins two clauses

C. It adds emphasis D. It names a place

7 In which sentence is myself intensive, not reflexive?

A. I myself fixed the bike.

B. I hurt myself on the bike.

C. I bought myself a bike.

D. I taught myself to ride.

8 Choose the intensive pronoun: We ___ painted the mural.

A. ourselves B. ours C. ourself D. us

✏️ Explain it! In your own words, write the rule for intensive pronouns and one example.

ANSWER KEY

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1. Choose the intensive pronoun: The students ___ planned the trip.

   A. them B. theirselves C. their **D. themselves**

   Themselves matches the plural word students. Theirselves is not a standard word.

2. Which word is the intensive pronoun in: The chef herself tasted the soup?

   A. soup **B. herself** C. chef D. tasted

   Herself adds emphasis to the chef. Remove it and the sentence still works.

3. Which sentence uses an intensive pronoun correctly?

   A. The author itself signed it.

   B. The author himself signed it.

   C. The author herselves signed it.

   D. The author hisself signed it.

   Himself is the standard form. Hisself and herselves are not standard words.

4. In which sentence is themselves reflexive?

   A. The kids themselves built it.

   B. The judges themselves agreed.

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   D. The kids dried themselves off.

   The kids dried themselves: the action goes back to the subject, so the pronoun is needed.

5. Intensive pronouns end with which word part?

   A. ly B. ing or ed C. er or est **D. self or selves**

   Intensive pronouns end in self or selves, like itself and ourselves.

6. What job does an intensive pronoun do?

   A. It describes a verb B. It joins two clauses

   C. It adds emphasis D. It names a place

   An intensive pronoun stresses who did something, like the king himself.

7. In which sentence is myself intensive, not reflexive?

   A. I myself fixed the bike.

   B. I hurt myself on the bike.

   C. I bought myself a bike.

   D. I taught myself to ride.

   Remove myself from I myself fixed the bike and it still works, so it only adds emphasis.

8. Choose the intensive pronoun: We ___ painted the mural.

   A. ourselves B. ours C. ourself D. us

   We is plural, so it pairs with ourselves to add emphasis.