

## Lesson 4

## Reflexive and Intensive Pronouns

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6.L.1.1b Use intensive pronouns (e.g., myself, ourselves).

**Introduction** Reflexive and intensive pronouns are pronouns that end in *-self* or *-selves*. They refer back to a noun or another pronoun in the same sentence.

- Reflexive and intensive pronouns can be singular or plural.

Singular	Plural
myself	ourselves
yourself	yourselves
himself, herself, itself	themselves

- A **reflexive pronoun** is an object pronoun that refers back to the subject and is important to the meaning of the sentence. If you leave out the reflexive pronoun, the sentence will not be clear.

Jake was mad at himself for dropping the ball during the game.

- An **intensive pronoun** can be used to emphasize, or *intensity*, a noun or pronoun. If you leave out the intensive pronoun, the sentence will still make sense.

I myself thought it wasn't his fault. His teammates themselves agreed.

**Guided Practice** Cross out the incorrect pronoun or pronouns in each sentence. Then write the correct form above the incorrect one.

**Hint**

A reflexive pronoun should not be used as the subject of a sentence. Use the correct subject pronoun instead.

**Example:**

Ben and I played.  
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Ben and **myself** played.

- My family and myself were excited to see my brother's first ball game.
- He itself was nervous about how he would play.
- Dad drove us to the field at 1:00, although the game themselves did not start until 2:00.
- Himself and I found themselves good seats in the bleachers.
- My two sisters went to buy popcorn for herself.
- Myself asked them to bring some for Dad and me.
- When they returned, Dad told them, "You'll fill yourself with popcorn and miss dinner."

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## LAFS Practice

For numbers 1–3, which pronoun should replace the underlined pronoun to make the sentence correct?

- When the team lost the game, the players blamed ourselves.  
A itself  
B themselves  
C himself  
D yourselves
- The pitcher itself said that he had not pitched his best game.  
A myself  
B himself  
C yourself  
D themselves
- Alonzo and myself agreed that the other team had simply played better.  
A I  
B me  
C himself  
D ourselves

**Answer Form**

1 Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ  
2 Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ  
3 Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ  
4 Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ  
5 Ⓐ Ⓑ Ⓒ Ⓓ

Number  
Correct 5

For numbers 4 and 5, which revision uses a reflexive or intensive pronoun correctly?

- Mayor Ramirez is a great fan and attends every single game.  
A Herself Mayor Ramirez is a great fan and attends every single game.  
B Mayor Ramirez themselves is a great fan and attends every single game.  
C Mayor Ramirez is a great fan itself and attends every single game.  
D Mayor Ramirez herself is a great fan and attends every single game.
- She told the winning team, "All of you should be proud of yourself."  
A She told the winning team, "All of yourselves should be proud."  
B She told the winning team, "All of you should be proud of yourselves."  
C She told the winning team, "All of you should be proud of yourselves."  
D She told the winning team, "All of you should be proud of you."

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- myself: I
- itself: himself
- themselves: itself
- Himself and I: He and I  
themselves: ourselves
- herself: themselves
- Myself: I
- yourself; yourselves

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- B
- B
- A
- D
- C