

Pronoun Spotlight

Sort sentences by whether they add emphasis.

4.L.GC.1.42 "Grammar: Use intensive pronouns. (Introduce)"

NAME _____

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HAS AN INTENSIVE PRONOUN

An intensive pronoun adds emphasis to a noun or pronoun. It often ends in -self or -selves, and you can remove it without changing who did the action.

The captain herself selected a route.

PLAIN SENTENCE

A plain sentence does not use an intensive pronoun to add emphasis.

Thunder shook distant windows.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle INTENSIVE or PLAIN for each sentence, then choose two items and explain how you knew.

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| 1. I packed the lunch myself. | ☐ INTENSIVE | ☐ PLAIN |
| 2. The robot itself turned on the lights. | ☐ INTENSIVE | ☐ PLAIN |
| 3. The puppies chased a leaf. | ☐ INTENSIVE | ☐ PLAIN |
| 4. The actor himself opened the curtain. | ☐ INTENSIVE | ☐ PLAIN |
| 5. Mia and Luis drew maps. | ☐ INTENSIVE | ☐ PLAIN |
| 6. We carried our posters to the library. | ☐ INTENSIVE | ☐ PLAIN |
| 7. You yourself can solve the puzzle. | ☐ INTENSIVE | ☐ PLAIN |
| 8. The gardeners themselves planted seeds. | ☐ INTENSIVE | ☐ PLAIN |

2 PROVE IT Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN One of each

Write one new sentence with an intensive pronoun and one new plain sentence without an intensive pronoun.

INTENSIVE _____

PLAIN _____

CHALLENGE

Rewrite this sentence by adding an intensive pronoun that emphasizes the subject: The machine cleaned the floor.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	I packed the lunch myself.	INTENSIVE	Myself emphasizes I.
2	The robot itself turned on the lights.	INTENSIVE	Itself emphasizes the robot.
3	The puppies chased a leaf.	PLAIN	There is no intensive pronoun.
4	The actor himself opened the curtain.	INTENSIVE	Himself emphasizes the actor.
5	Mia and Luis drew maps.	PLAIN	There is no intensive pronoun.
6	We carried our posters to the library.	PLAIN	There is no intensive pronoun.
7	You yourself can solve the puzzle.	INTENSIVE	Yourself emphasizes you.
8	The gardeners themselves planted seeds.	INTENSIVE	Themselves emphasizes the gardeners.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **INTENSIVE:** The pilot himself checked the controls.
- **PLAIN:** A rabbit hopped across the meadow.

Challenge: The machine itself cleaned the floor.

Items 1, 2, 4, 7, and 8 are INTENSIVE. Items 3, 5, and 6 are PLAIN. Accept student examples when the intensive pronoun correctly matches the noun or pronoun it emphasizes.