Pronoun Spotlight

Sort sentences by whether they add emphasis.

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

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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.

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.

ANSWER KEY

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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.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. Accept student examples when the intensive pronoun correctly matches the noun or pronoun it emphasizes.