

Self-Pronoun Sort

Sort sentences by what each self-pronoun does.

5.L.GC.1.42 "Grammar: Use intensive pronouns. (Master)"

NAME _____

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ADDS EMPHASIS

An intensive pronoun adds emphasis to a noun or pronoun. You can remove it, and the basic sentence still makes sense.

Jordan himself painted murals.

ACTION RETURNS

A reflexive pronoun receives the action of the verb. It is needed to show who the action happens to.

Mina dressed herself.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Read each sentence and circle EMPHASIS or REFLEXIVE for the self-pronoun.

1. The engine itself made a strange clicking sound.

EMPHASIS

REFLEXIVE

2. The players themselves planned the warm-up.

EMPHASIS

REFLEXIVE

3. The turtle pulled itself onto a rock.

EMPHASIS

REFLEXIVE

4. The science club itself designed the display.

EMPHASIS

REFLEXIVE

5. The cousins introduced themselves to their neighbors.

EMPHASIS

REFLEXIVE

6. The acrobats caught themselves before they fell.

EMPHASIS

REFLEXIVE

7. You yourselves can solve this puzzle.

EMPHASIS

REFLEXIVE

8. We blamed ourselves for the mix-up.

EMPHASIS

REFLEXIVE

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

Part 2 PROVE IT: Pick two item numbers and explain whether each self-pronoun adds emphasis or receives the action. Part 3 MAKE YOUR OWN: Write one new sentence with an EMPHASIS pronoun and one new sentence with a REFLEXIVE pronoun.

EMPHASIS _____

REFLEXIVE _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence that uses an intensive pronoun and a reflexive pronoun correctly.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The engine itself made a strange clicking sound.	EMPHASIS	It adds emphasis to engine and can be removed.
2	The players themselves planned the warm-up.	EMPHASIS	It adds emphasis to players and can be removed.
3	The turtle pulled itself onto a rock.	REFLEXIVE	The action of pulled happens to the turtle.
4	The science club itself designed the display.	EMPHASIS	It adds emphasis to science club and can be removed.
5	The cousins introduced themselves to their neighbors.	REFLEXIVE	The action of introduced happens to the cousins.
6	The acrobats caught themselves before they fell.	REFLEXIVE	The action of caught happens to the acrobats.
7	You yourselves can solve this puzzle.	EMPHASIS	It adds emphasis to you and can be removed.
8	We blamed ourselves for the mix-up.	REFLEXIVE	The action of blamed happens to us.

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)

- **EMPHASIS:** The author herself signed every book.
- **REFLEXIVE:** I taught myself to juggle.

Challenge: The coach herself reminded herself to bring the whistles.

For Part 2, accept explanations that correctly use the removal test for emphasis or explain that the action returns to the subject for reflexive use. In the challenge sample, the first herself adds emphasis and the second herself receives the action of reminded.