Self-Pronoun Sort

Sort sentences by what each self-pronoun does.

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

NAME _____ DATE _____

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

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.

ANSWER KEY

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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.