Pronoun Detective

Sort pronouns by the job they do.

4.W.6.a "Nouns/Pronouns – Writing sentences that include relative pronouns (e.g., who, which) and reflexive pronouns (e.g., myself, ourselves) and explaining their functions in the sentence."

NAME _____ DATE _____

RELATIVE PRONOUN

A relative pronoun starts a group of words that tells more about a noun.

The puppy **that** barked ran home.

REFLEXIVE PRONOUN

A reflexive pronoun ends in -self or -selves and points back to the person or people doing the action.

Maya taught **herself** to whistle.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle RELATIVE or REFLEXIVE for each bold pronoun, then pick two items and explain how you knew where each belonged.

1. The singer **who** won the contest bowed. RELATIVE REFLEXIVE

2. The map **which** hung by the door was torn. RELATIVE REFLEXIVE

3. I reminded **myself** to bring a coat. RELATIVE REFLEXIVE

4. The nurse **who** found the lost key smiled. RELATIVE REFLEXIVE

5. Eli blamed **himself** for the mess. RELATIVE REFLEXIVE

6. We prepared **ourselves** for the race. RELATIVE REFLEXIVE

7. The lantern **which** lit the path went out. RELATIVE REFLEXIVE

8. The twins saw **themselves** in the mirror. RELATIVE 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** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write two new sentences, one with a relative pronoun and one with a reflexive pronoun; underline the pronoun in each.

RELATIVE _____

REFLEXIVE _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence with both kinds of pronouns, underline each pronoun, and explain what each one does.

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The singer **who** won the contest bowed.	**RELATIVE**	Who begins a group of words that tells more about the singer.
2	The map **which** hung by the door was torn.	**RELATIVE**	Which begins a group of words that tells more about the map.
3	I reminded **myself** to bring a coat.	**REFLEXIVE**	Myself points back to I, the person doing the reminding.
4	The nurse **who** found the lost key smiled.	**RELATIVE**	Who begins a group of words that tells more about the nurse.
5	Eli blamed **himself** for the mess.	**REFLEXIVE**	Himself points back to Eli, the person doing the blaming.
6	We prepared **ourselves** for the race.	**REFLEXIVE**	Ourselves points back to we, the people doing the preparing.
7	The lantern **which** lit the path went out.	**RELATIVE**	Which begins a group of words that tells more about the lantern.
8	The twins saw **themselves** in the mirror.	**REFLEXIVE**	Themselves points back to the twins, the people doing the seeing.

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)

- **RELATIVE**: A kite <u>which</u> had a long tail rose high.
- **REFLEXIVE**: You can surprise <u>yourself</u> with a new idea.

Challenge: The artist <u>who</u> painted the mural praised <u>herself</u>. Who tells more about the artist, and herself points back to the artist.

For Part 2, accept explanations that identify what a relative pronoun tells more about or whom a reflexive pronoun points back to. For Part 3, check that each underlined pronoun does the stated job.