

## Using Intensive Pronouns

### Reading and Discussion

**Pronouns** are words that take the place of a noun. Personal pronouns are the most frequently used pronouns. They are pronouns such as:

- **I, me, my, him, them**

There are other types of pronouns too. Let's take a look at **intensive pronouns**. Intensive pronouns are personal pronouns that emphasize a noun or another pronoun. They intensify the subject. An easy way to find these pronouns is to look for the ending **self** or **selves**. A few of these pronouns are:

- **myself, yourself, himself, themselves**

Intensive pronouns are not used as objects. They are used only to give more emphasis to the subject.

- She will ride the bike **herself**.

The pronoun **herself** is used to give more emphasis to the subject **she**. Here is another way to write this sentence:

- She **herself** will ride the bike.

In both sentences, the intensive pronoun, **herself**, gives added emphasis or intensifies the subject. The pronoun tells us: Look! She **herself** will ride the bike.

Intensive pronouns are often confused with **reflexive pronouns**. No wonder. Both use the same words. Here are some intensive and reflexive pronouns.

**myself, herself, himself, yourself, itself, ourselves, yourselves, themselves**

The first five pronouns are singular. The others are plural. More examples:

- She herself was the first to figure out the clues.

The pronoun **herself** is used to emphasize the subject **she**. It is not used as an object. If we use it as a reflexive pronoun, we might write the sentence like this:

- She prided herself on figuring out the clues.

Here, **herself** is used as an object. It reflects back to the subject **she**. It does not emphasize or intensify the subject.

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## Activities

### **Activity A:** Let's Review.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ pronouns are personal pronouns that emphasize a noun or another pronoun.
2. Are the pronouns from question one used as objects? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Intensive pronouns are pronouns that \_\_\_\_\_ another pronoun or noun.
4. What pronouns are often confused with intensive pronouns?

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### **Activity B:** Find and underline the intensive pronouns in the following sentences.

1. He himself cut the birthday cake.
2. The students themselves finished the science project.
3. She will do it herself.
4. You will walk the trail yourselves.
5. I myself rode the Thriller Coaster.
6. They organized the bake sale themselves.

### **Activity C:** Write a sentence using an intensive pronoun.

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## Answer Key

### Activity A

1. Intensive pronouns are personal pronouns that emphasize a noun or another pronoun.
2. Are the pronouns from question one used as objects? No
3. Intensive pronouns are pronouns that emphasis or intensify another pronoun or noun.
4. What pronouns are often confused with intensive pronouns? Reflexive pronouns.

### Activity B

1. He himself cut the birthday cake.
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Activity C: Answers will vary.