

Personal, Reflexive, and Intensive Pronouns

A **personal pronoun** refers to the one speaking (first person), the one spoken to (second person), or the one spoken about (third person).

FIRST PERSON	I, me, my, mine, we, us, our, ours
SECOND PERSON	you, your, yours
THIRD PERSON	he, him, his, she, her, hers, it, its, they, them, their, theirs

A **reflexive pronoun** refers to the subject of a sentence and functions as a complement or as an object of a preposition. An **intensive pronoun** emphasizes its antecedent and has no grammatical function.

REFLEXIVE AND INTENSIVE PRONOUNS	myself ourselves yourself yourselves himself herself itself themselves
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EXAMPLES	I [personal] consider myself [reflexive] fortunate to have such good friends.
	They [personal] made the costumes themselves [intensive].

EXERCISE A Underline the personal pronouns in the following sentences.

Example	1. <u>She</u> and <u>I</u> will meet <u>you</u> at the theater.
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1. My teacher gave me another chance to answer the question correctly.
2. Did you see the painting that I did for the art fair at our school?
3. My mother reminded us that we had not fed the bird all day.
4. Cynthia and Julia took our books by mistake, and we picked up theirs.
5. Her father asked her to help him carry in the groceries from his car.

EXERCISE B On the line in each of the following sentences, write a reflexive or an intensive pronoun that will correctly complete the sentence. Above the pronoun, write *REF* for *reflexive* or *INT* for *intensive*.

Example	1. The club members ^{<i>INT</i>} <u>themselves</u> prepared all of the food for
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6. What happened was an accident; you shouldn't blame _____.
7. Aunt Ling _____ made all of the decorations for the anniversary party.
8. Didn't Reginald paint a portrait of _____ ?
9. We could either buy the piñatas or make them _____.
10. I cut _____ when I was fixing the bicycle chain.
11. I am just not _____ today.
12. She raised the funds for the new equipment _____ .
13. Tony is outside harvesting okra by _____ .
14. Suzanne gave _____ a moment to catch her breath.
15. Did you two create that Web page _____ ?

Answer Keys:

Exercise A

1. My teacher gave me another chance to answer the question correctly.
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Exercise B

6. What happened was an accident; you shouldn't blame **yourself**.
REF
7. Aunt Ling **herself** made all of the decorations for the anniversary party.
INT
8. Didn't Reginald paint a portrait of **himself**?
REF
9. We could either buy the piñatas or make them **ourselves**.
INT
10. I cut **myself** when I was fixing the bicycle chain.
REF
11. I am just not **myself** today.
REF
12. She raised the funds for the new equipment **herself** .
INT
13. Tony is outside harvesting okra by **himself** .
REF
14. Suzanne gave **herself** a moment to catch her breath.
REF
15. Did you two create that Web page **yourselves** ?
INT