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 |

| 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. She and I will meet you at the theater.

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 _______ prepared all of the food for

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:

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