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Reflexive and Intensive Pronouns

Reflexive and intensive pronouns are pronouns that end in *-self* or *-selves*. They refer back to a noun or another pronoun in the same sentence.

Reflexive and intensive pronouns can be singular or plural

Singular	Plural
myself	ourselves
yourself	yourselves
himself, herself. itself	themselves

 A reflexive pronoun is an object pronoun that refers back to the subject and is important to the meaning of the sentence. If you leave out the reflexive pronoun, the sentence will not be clear.

Jake was mad at himself for dropping the ball during the game.

 An intensive pronoun can be used to emphasize, or intensify, a noun or pronoun. If you leave out the intensive pronoun, the sentence will still make sense.



Which pronoun should replace the underlined pronoun to make the sentence correct?

- 1. When the team lost the game, the players blamed ourselves.
- 2. The pitcher itself said that he had not pitched his best game.
- 3. Alonzo and <u>myself</u> agreed that the other team had simply played better.

Which revision uses a reflexive or intensive pronoun correctly?

- 4. Mayor Ramirez is a great fan and attends every single game.
- She told the winning team, "All of you should be proud of yourself."

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