



Lesson B2-17 | High Intermediate | CEFR B1

Emphatic Pronouns

Use the words in the Grammar Challenge to complete the gaps.

Conversation 1

Man: Wow, big box. What did you buy?

Woman: I bought _____ a new computer.

Man: Nice! What kind?

Woman: I got a new Mac.

Man: Oh, cool. That must've been _____.

Woman: A little, but I needed a new one.

Man: Yeah. I've been thinking of _____ a new one myself.

Woman: You should. I find a new computer pays for _____ because it makes you much more productive.

Man: True. Can't argue with that.

Conversation 2

Man: Why are you so down?

Woman: I did not get a _____ from the boss.

Man: Oh, I'm _____ to hear that.

Woman: I don't think he _____ me.

Man: Oh, I'm sure he likes you. Don't be so hard on _____.

Woman: Yeah, you're right.

Conversation 3

Man: Man, these cookies smell so good.

Woman: Please try _____.

Man: Oh, they look so good.

Woman: You _____ eat some before the kids get home.

Man: Why? Will they eat them all?

Woman: Yeah, they can't help _____.

Man: Well, I can see why. Your cookies are so good. Can I have two?

Woman: _____ yourself.

Conversation 4

Man: I like your shirt.

Woman: Thanks. I made it _____.

Man: Really? I didn't know you sew.

Woman: I do. I make a lot of _____ clothes.

Man: That is so cool.

Quiz

- 1) A new computer pays for itself because _____.
a) it is on sale
b) it increases productivity
- 2) The woman should not be hard on _____.
a) her boss
b) herself
- 3) Why does the woman mean when she says the kids can not help themselves?
a) They eat all the cookies.
b) They can not have any cookies.
- 4) What does the woman suggest?
a) He makes it himself.
b) They do it themselves.

Grammar Challenge

Use the words below to complete each conversation.

| Con #1 | Con #2 | Con #3 | Con #4 |
|-----------|-----------|------------|----------|
| expensive | sorry | Help | myself |
| itself | promotion | better | yourself |
| getting | yourself | some | sometime |
| myself | likes | themselves | my own |

Speaking Challenge

Match the answers with the questions.

- 1) How did you hear about your promotion?
- 2) Did the doorman tell you about the burglary?
- 3) Were you expecting to win the competition?
- 4) Did everyone attend the work party last night?
- 5) Who told you about Joe's big news?

- () Yeah, even the boss himself attended the party.
 () Yes, my manager herself told me I had been promoted.
 () No, he himself had no idea the burglary had happened!
 () No way! I myself wasn't expecting to be the winner.
 () You yourself told me after you heard it last week!

What about you? Share your answers to the questions.

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Woman: It's easy. You should try it _____.

Man: I would if you could teach me.

Woman: Oh, you don't need me. You can learn how to do it _____ by watching videos online.

Man: Okay. I'll think about it. Thanks.