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# Reflexive or Intensive Pronoun? #1

Reflexive and intensive pronouns have identical forms but serve different functions in a sentence.

## Reflexive and Intensive Pronouns

**Singular:** myself, yourself, himself, herself, itself

**Plural:** ourselves, yourselves, themselves

**Reflexive pronouns** reflect the subject of the sentence. Use reflexive pronouns when the subject and the object are the same. If you remove a reflexive pronoun from a sentence, the sentence would no longer make sense.

My little sister watched **herself** in the mirror.

**Intensive pronouns** are used solely for emphasis. You could remove an intensive pronoun from a sentence, and the sentence would still make sense.

Chloe made the triple-layered cake **herself**.



**Directions:** Read the sentences below, and decide whether the pronoun in bold is reflexive or intensive.

1. The mayor **herself** addressed the students.    reflexive / intensive
2. Did Jayden injure **himself** when he fell off his skateboard?    reflexive / intensive
3. Although our parents offered to help, we wanted to build it **ourselves**.    reflexive / intensive
4. You may surprise **yourself** with what you can do.    reflexive / intensive
5. Makayla treated **herself** to a large ice cream sundae with three different toppings.