

Reflexive vs. Emphasis Answer Key

1. Intensive - "myself" emphasizes I but can be removed.
2. Reflexive - "herself" is needed; she looked at her own reflection.
3. Intensive - "herself" emphasizes mayor but can be removed.
4. Reflexive - "themselves" is needed; they blamed their own group.
5. Intensive - "himself" emphasizes he but can be removed.
6. Reflexive - "itself" is needed; cat cleaned its own body.
7. Reflexive - "ourselves" is needed; we did the designing to us.
8. Intensive - "yourself" emphasizes you but can be removed.
9. Reflexive - "themselves" is needed; players injured their own bodies.
10. Intensive - "herself" emphasizes teacher but can be removed.
11. Reflexive - "herself" is needed; she taught her own self.
12. Intensive - "himself" emphasizes president but can be removed.
13. Reflexive - "myself" is needed; I cut my own body.
14. Intensive - "themselves" emphasizes children but can be removed.
15. Reflexive - "itself" is needed; dog hurt its own body.
16. Intensive - "ourselves" emphasizes we but can be removed.
17. Reflexive - "himself" is needed; he reminded his own self.
18. Intensive - "yourself" emphasizes you but can be removed.
19. Reflexive - "themselves" is needed; they organized it alone.
20. Intensive - "herself" emphasizes she but can be removed.

Teacher Notes / Guide

- **Key check:** Remove the pronoun.
 - If the sentence still works → **Intensive**.
 - If the meaning breaks or feels incomplete → **Reflexive**.
- This activity helps students see that while intensive and reflexive pronouns **look the same**, their function in the sentence is different.
- Extension: Have students **rewrite two reflexive sentences into intensive ones** (and vice versa) to show mastery.