

Intensive Repair Answer Key

1. She cut **herself** while chopping vegetables, but she **herself** put on the bandage.
 - *First "herself" is reflexive; second is intensive and now makes sense.*
2. I told **myself** that I would not be nervous during the test.
 - *"Itself" is unnecessary here.*
3. The children hurt **themselves** when they fell off the swing.
 - *"Themselves" doesn't need to be repeated for emphasis in this context.*
4. The teacher explained the directions clearly. She **herself** made sure every student understood.
 - *Original reflexive use was wrong; fixed by separating into intensive emphasis.*
5. He washed the car **himself** before leaving for work.
 - *Corrected placement of "himself."*
6. We blamed **ourselves** for forgetting the homework.
 - *Second "ourselves" was unnecessary.*
7. You should give **yourself** credit for the project.
 - *Second "yourself" was an incorrect intensive use.*
8. The dog chased its tail until it tired **itself** out.
 - *Only reflexive is correct; "itself" as intensive was unnecessary.*

Teacher Notes / Guide

- Many students confuse **intensive** and **reflexive** because the forms look identical.
- **Tip:** Ask: *Is the pronoun needed for meaning (reflexive) or just emphasis (intensive)?*