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Reflexive Pronouns: Yourselves, Themselves, and Intensive Uses

Medium | A2 | Elementary | Pre-intermediate | Pronoun | English Grammar Basics

1. Choose the correct word to complete the wildlife documentary narration.

The two acrobatic squirrels built a tiny catapult to launch ____ directly into the "squirrel-proof" bird feeder.

Select one.

A) them
B) theirselves
C) themselves
D) itself

2. Select the grammatically correct word to finish the homeowner's proud (but misplaced) boast.

"I didn't need to hire a professional plumber! I fixed the leaking sink ____," Arthur proclaimed, right before the pipe burst and flooded his kitchen.

Select one.

A) me
B) myself
C) mine
D) itself

3. Help the food critic complete their disastrous restaurant review.

The head chef proudly came to our table and declared that he had caught the lobster _____. Unfortunately, while trying to show off his culinary skills, he then proceeded to accidentally burn _____ with the flambé torch.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) him
B) himself
C) hisself

Blank 2

A) him
B) himself
C) hisself

4. Complete the cooking instructor's frantic warning.

"Alright, class! Since there are twenty of you and only one of me, you will have to divide the remaining ingredients among ____," Chef Gordon yelled over the sound of burning butter.

Select one.

A) yourself
B) yourselves
C) themselves
D) you

5. Complete the escape room host's slightly menacing welcome speech.

"Welcome, team! You will have to solve these puzzles all by _____, as I won't be giving any hints over the radio. Oh, and if anyone gets scared and wants to leave early, just know that the exit door will lock _____ automatically."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** yourselves
- **B)** yourself
- **C)** themselves
- **D)** you

Blank 2

- **A)** itself
- **B)** it
- **C)** its
- **D)** hisself

6. Complete the customer service complaint about a rebellious smart home device. Choose the correct word for each gap.

The new robot vacuum somehow managed to trap _____ in the bathroom by closing the door.

My husband and I found _____ apologizing to the family cat for the machine's aggressive behavior.

"If you want the floors clean," I angrily told the robot, "you'll have to do it _____!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** itself
- **B)** himself
- **C)** myself

Blank 2

- **A)** themselves
- **B)** ourselves
- **C)** yourselves

Blank 3

- **A)** myself
- **B)** yourself
- **C)** itself

7. Fill in the blanks in this text message exchange between two exhausted roommates.

Roommate A: "I can't believe the instructions say we should build this massive wardrobe _____. It weighs a ton and has a thousand screws!"

Roommate B: "Right? Even the professional movers looked like they were going to hurt _____ carrying it up the stairs."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** ourselves
- **B)** us
- **C)** ourself

Blank 2

- **A)** themselves
- **B)** them
- **C)** theirselves

8. Help the food critic complete their review of Chef Leo's disastrous new restaurant. Choose the correct pronoun to finish each sentence.

Chef Leo accidentally burned _____ while trying to flambé a dessert at our table.

The waitstaff were so embarrassed by the shouting that they hid _____ in the kitchen pantry.

Eventually, I had to pour the expensive wine _____ because no one else was around to serve us!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** herself
- **B)** himself
- **C)** itself

Blank 2

- **A)** ourselves
- **B)** themselves
- **C)** yourselves

Blank 3

- **A)** himself
- **B)** myself
- **C)** yourself

9. Review the detective's case notes from the great diamond heist. Select ALL the sentences where the reflexive pronoun is used grammatically correctly.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** The suspect locked himself inside the bank vault by accident.
- **B)** The fleeing thief took the stolen diamonds with himself.
- **C)** The mayor herself provided an ironclad alibi for the prime suspect.
- **D)** The frightened witnesses saw the getaway car and hid ourself behind a mailbox.
- **E)** The criminal mastermind planned the entire operation by himself.

10. Check the spaceship Captain's log for grammatical accuracy before it gets transmitted to Earth. Choose ALL the sentences that use correct reflexive pronouns.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** "Crew, you must prepare yourselves for hyper-sleep," the captain announced.
- **B)** The sneaky aliens disguised theirselves as vending machines.
- **C)** The ship's artificial intelligence finally taught itself how to tell knock-knock jokes.
- **D)** We need to protect ourself from the incoming asteroid shower!
- **E)** The engineers prided themselves on fixing the warp drive with nothing but duct tape.

11. Help the culinary student review their latest cooking blog post. Select ALL the sentences that correctly use reflexive pronouns.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** I accidentally burned myself on the hot oven rack.
- **B)** The head chef himself told me my soufflé was a masterpiece!
- **C)** Please send your recipe feedback to the kitchen manager or myself.
- **D)** My sous-chef and myself will be preparing the appetizer tonight.
- **E)** I managed to clean the entire kitchen disaster zone by myself.

12. Finish the park ranger's amusing log entry about some overly confident tourists. Match each blank with the appropriate word.

The tourists insisted on building the massive eight-person tent by _____, refusing any of my offers to help.

Sarah, the group leader, proudly declared she had chopped all the firewood _____.

"Did you guys pack the snacks _____, or did you forget those too?" I asked them with a smile.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** ourselves
- **B)** themselves
- **C)** yourselves

Blank 2

- **A)** herself
- **B)** himself
- **C)** myself

Blank 3

- **A)** themselves
- **B)** yourselves
- **C)** ourselves