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ANSWER KEY

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Reflexive and intensive pronouns look the same, but they differ in usage.

myself yourself/yourselves himself herself itself ourselves themselves

Reflexive pronouns are objects. They refer back to the subject of a sentence or clause to show the subject and an object are the same person or thing.

example: The cat fussily groomed himself for hours.

Diagram annotations:
- An arrow from "cat" to "himself" is labeled "refers back to its antecedent".
- An arrow from "cat" points to it with the label "subject".
- An arrow from "himself" points to it with the label "object".

Intensive pronouns only emphasize a noun or pronoun. They have no necessary grammatical function in a sentence.

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