

Emphatic and reflexive pronouns

Read the following sentences and state whether the pronouns are emphatic or reflexive.

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Myself is reflexive

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2. I myself went to the post office to post the letter.

Here myself is reflexive

Myself is emphatic

3. The captain himself led the attack.

Here himself is reflexive

Here himself is emphatic

4. We did it ourselves.

Ourselves is reflexive

Ourselves is emphatic

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5. Don't touch that wire. You will hurt yourself.

Yourself is reflexive

Yourself is emphatic

6. I will give myself five days to finish the job.

Myself is reflexive

Myself is emphatic

7. The spy shot himself.

Himself is reflexive

Himself is emphatic

8. Jane herself told me that she was quitting the dance class.

Herself is emphatic

Herself is reflexive

9. Believe me. I myself heard him.

Myself is reflexive

Myself is emphatic

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10. What is the point in asking them? They themselves don't know anything.

Themselves is emphatic

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11. She made herself a cup of tea.

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Answers

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