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Read and Discover

Compound Personal Pronouns

Lesson 25

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We shouldn't boast about ourselves.

I myself am a talented singer, but I don't brag about it.

Circle the word in the first sentence that tells whom we shouldn't boast about. Underline the word in the second sentence that emphasizes the subject.

A **compound personal pronoun** ends in *-self* or *-selves*. It usually shows that the subject of a sentence is doing something to itself. (*I poured myself some milk.*) Sometimes it gives emphasis. (*He made the meal himself. Lin herself grew the flowers.*) A compound personal pronoun refers back to the subject of the sentence. The noun or pronoun that a pronoun refers to is its **antecedent**.

Remember to use this information when you speak, too.

See Handbook Section 17e

Remember: if there is a verb (for infinitive) bton. the Antecedent and compd. personal pronoun, it is REFLEXIVE

Part 1

Circle each **compound personal pronoun** in the sentences below. Draw a box around the **antecedent** of each pronoun you circle.

- If you lived in ancient Greece, you would know better than to think yourself above a god or goddess. *HV AV R*
- A young weaver named Arachne, however, was as foolish as she was talented; she openly declared that the goddess Athena could not weave as well as she herself could. *I*
- Athena, upon hearing Arachne's words, pulled herself away from important business on Mount Olympus and came to Earth to punish Arachne. *AV R*
- Athena offered the girl a chance to prove herself and survive—the two would have a weaving contest. *infin R*
- On the fateful day, people came from all over the land to squeeze themselves into the meadow near Arachne's home. *AV infin. R*
- Zeus himself did not deign to attend the match, but he undoubtedly watched it from above. *I*
- Arachne was sitting at her loom in front of her cottage when Athena appeared through the clouds and seated herself high on a nearby hilltop. *AV R*
- Arachne was the first to weave her tapestry, and so swiftly and deftly did her fingers move that they themselves seemed to be part of the loom. *I*
- The crowd made itself heard as it applauded the beauty of Arachne's work. *AV R*
- When Athena began weaving, the web in which Arachne had trapped herself became all too clear. *HV AV R*
- Athena's tapestry was breathtaking: the goddess used the sky itself to color her threads. *I*
- That tapestry foretold how we mortals would destroy ourselves through our pride and willfulness. *HV AV R*
- When Athena finished, the people threw themselves to the ground in a demonstration of respect, and Arachne knew she had lost. *AV R*
- Rather than end Arachne's life, Athena turned her into a spider that could spin webs for itself. *HV AV R*

