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## Lesson 11.5.2 Pronouns

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### Exercise 1 Classifying Pronouns

Label each underlined pronoun as *PER* (personal), *POS* (possessive), *I* (interrogative), *IND* (indefinite), *R* (relative), *D* (demonstrative), *REF* (reflexive), or *INT* (intensive).

**EXAMPLE** *R*; *REF* The Aztecs were a powerful people who made themselves masters of ancient Mexico.

- \_\_\_\_\_ The early Aztecs, who were nomadic hunters and farmers, made their original home in the desert of northern Mexico.
- \_\_\_\_\_ That was a difficult life there, and so they left and migrated to the fertile Valley of Mexico.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Aztecs built their capital city on an island, which was connected to the mainland by causeways.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Whose cultural traditions did the Aztecs themselves absorb in creating their civilization?
- \_\_\_\_\_ They based their cultural traditions on those of their neighbors.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The vast marketplace that was located in one of the neighborhoods of their capital offered a huge variety of goods.
- \_\_\_\_\_ What were the historical forces that caused the downfall of the Aztec Empire?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Spanish invaders, who allied themselves with many of the peoples the Aztecs ruled, overthrew the Aztec Empire.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Aztec themselves were weakened by some of the infectious diseases brought by the invaders.
- \_\_\_\_\_ These were two of the causes that brought down the mighty Aztec Empire.

Remember that reflexive and intensive pronouns both end in *-self* or *-selves* and both refer to an earlier noun or pronoun in the sentence. The difference is that intensive pronouns are used to add emphasis.

### Exercise 2 Using Pronouns

Fill in the blanks in each sentence below with a pronoun that makes sense in the context.

**EXAMPLE** What do we know about the religion of the ancient Aztecs?

- The Aztecs used a variety of precious materials in \_\_\_\_\_ artwork, \_\_\_\_\_ included gold, silver, jade, and feathers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ of the Aztec written records were destroyed by the Spanish priests, \_\_\_\_\_ saw Aztec religion as idolatry.
- \_\_\_\_\_ of their records \_\_\_\_\_ survived are preserved today in museums.
- \_\_\_\_\_ of the gods did \_\_\_\_\_ refer to as “Feathered Serpent”?
- When the Aztecs saw the Spanish leader Cortés, they thought their god Quetzalcoatl \_\_\_\_\_ had returned to them.