



Lesson B2-17 | High Intermediate | CEFR B1

Emphatic Pronouns

Use the words in the Grammar Challenge to complete the gaps.

Conversation 1

Man: Wow, big box. What did you buy?
Woman: I bought _____ a new computer.
Man: Nice! What kind?
Woman: I got a new Mac.
Man: Oh, cool. That must've been _____.
Woman: A little, but I needed a new one.
Man: Yeah. I've been thinking of _____ a new one myself.
Woman: You should. I find a new computer pays for _____ because it makes you much more productive.
Man: True. Can't argue with that.

Conversation 2

Man: Why are you so down?
Woman: I did not get a _____ from the boss.
Man: Oh, I'm _____ to hear that.
Woman: I don't think he _____ me.
Man: Oh, I'm sure he likes you. Don't be so hard on _____.
Woman: Yeah, you're right.

Conversation 3

Man: Man, these cookies smell so good.
Woman: Please try _____.
Man: Oh, they look so good.
Woman: You _____ eat some before the kids get home.
Man: Why? Will they eat them all?
Woman: Yeah, they can't help _____.
Man: Well, I can see why. Your cookies are so good. Can I have two?
Woman: _____ yourself.

Conversation 4

Man: I like your shirt.
Woman: Thanks. I made it _____.
Man: Really? I didn't know you sew.
Woman: I do. I make a lot of _____ clothes.
Man: That is so cool.

Quiz

- 1) A new computer pays for itself because _____.
 - a) it is on sale
 - b) it increases productivity
- 2) The woman should not be hard on _____.
 - a) her boss
 - b) herself
- 3) Why does the woman mean when she says the kids can not help themselves?
 - a) They eat all the cookies.
 - b) They can not have any cookies.
- 4) What does the woman suggest?
 - a) He makes it himself.
 - b) They do it themselves.

Grammar Challenge

Use the words below to complete each conversation.

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getting	yourself	some	sometime
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Speaking Challenge

Match the answers with the questions.

- 1) How did you hear about your promotion?
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- 3) Were you expecting to win the competition?
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- (_) Yeah, even the boss himself attended the party.
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Man: I would if you could teach me.

Woman: Oh, you don't need me. You can learn how to do it _____ by watching videos online.

Man: Okay. I'll think about it. Thanks.



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