## Personal Pronoun Items Box

## Answer Choice TYPE B: "Personal Pronoun Items"→10 seconds

## Step 1

First of all, check the <u>four answer choices</u> If you see four personal pronouns, the question typically asks about the "case" of personal pronouns Check both the "pre-blank" and "post-blank" structure.

## Step 2

If the blank is followed by a noun, choose the "possessive adjective". Otherwise, check the position of the blank, i.e. "subject pronoun", "object pronoun" or "possessive pronoun".

- Words ending in -self or -selves are called 'reflexive pronouns'.
  - (a) They usually refer back to the subject of the clause. E.g. Jane hates <u>herself</u>. My uncle lives <u>by himself</u>. (=alone)
  - (b) They can also be used for emphasis. E.g. The manager <u>himself</u> telephoned me.