

LESSON XVIII

Ipsa sciéntia potestas est. *Knowledge itself is power.* - Francis Bacon

Intensive Pronoun and Adjective - **ipse ipsa ipsum**

Case	Singular			Plural		
	M	F	N	M	F	N
nom.	ipse	ipsa	ipsum	ipsi	ipsae	ipsa
gen.	ipsíus	ipsíus	ipsíus	ipsorum	ipsarum	ipsorum
dat.	ipsi	ipsi	ipsi	ipsis	ipsis	ipsis
acc.	ipsum	ipsam	ipsum	ipsos	ipsas	ipsa
abl.	ipso	ipsā	ipso	ipsis	ipsis	ipsis

- ◆ **Intensives vs. Reflexives.** The forms for intensive and reflexive pronouns are identical in English—*myself, yourself, himself, herself, itself, ourselves, yourselves, themselves*—but different in Latin. (Reflexives will be taught in Lesson XIX.)
 - The intensive pronoun *emphasizes a particular noun* in either the subject or the predicate. It almost always functions as an adjective except when it refers to an antecedent in another clause.

<i>The general himself led the charge.</i>	intensive (intensifies <i>general</i>)
<i>We can hang the door ourselves.</i>	intensive (intensifies <i>We</i>)
 - The reflexive pronoun is always in the predicate and *refers back to the subject of its own clause*. It never functions as an adjective. Study these examples.

<i>I hit myself on the foot.</i>	reflexive (refers back to <i>I</i>)
<i>The general gave himself a reward.</i>	reflexive (refers back to <i>general</i>)
- ◆ The intensive pronoun **ipse, ipsa, ipsum** is formed in a manner similar to the other pronouns in this unit. The stem is **ips** and the neuter singular ending is **um** instead of **ud**.
- ◆ The intensive pronoun can be used to intensify or emphasize any word in the sentence.

Ipse equum vidi.	<i>I saw the horse myself.</i>
Ipsum equum vidi.	<i>I saw the horse itself.</i>
Ipsi equum vídimus.	<i>We ourselves saw the horse.</i>
Ipsos equos vídimus.	<i>We saw the horses themselves.</i>

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- ♦ There are other forms of intensive emphasis in English besides *-self*. Thus, the Latin **ipse** can sometimes be translated with expressions such as *even* or *that (this) very*.

Ipsam epístulam scripsi.
Praémium mihi ipsi dedit.

I wrote that very letter.
He gave a prize even to me.

Ipsa sciéntia potestas est. A phrase attributed to the English philosopher Sir Francis Bacon, who wrote **Novum Organum**, a work which was influential in the development of the scientific method and the scientific revolution.

Vocabulary

agmen ágminis	<i>n.</i>	army on the march, column	
carmen cárminis	<i>n.</i>	song	
corpus córporis	<i>n.</i>	body	<i>corpse</i>
genus géneris	<i>n.</i>	race, kind, class	<i>genus</i>
iter itíneris	<i>n.</i>	journey	<i>itinerary</i>
onus óneris	<i>n.</i>	burden	<i>onerous</i>
opus óperis	<i>n.</i>	work	<i>opera</i>
tempus témporis	<i>n.</i>	time	<i>temporary</i>
ver veris	<i>n.</i>	spring	<i>vernal</i>
vulnus vúlneris	<i>n.</i>	wound	<i>vulnerable</i>

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