Emphatic and reflexive pronouns

When ‘self’ is added to my, your, him, her, it and ‘-selves’ to our, your, them, we get what we call compound personal pronouns.

**Compound pronouns can be used reflexively and emphatically.**

Read the following sentences and state whether the compound personal pronouns are used reflexively or emphatically.

1. I hurt myself while playing.
2. I myself saw him do it.
3. You will hurt yourself.
4. I will do it myself.
5. They themselves admitted their guilt.
6. I myself baked this cake.
7. The mother herself took the child to the doctor.
8. You are deceiving yourself.
9. The man killed himself.
10. I myself heard the remark.
11. The town itself is not very large.

**Answers**

1. I hurt myself while playing. (myself – reflexive pronoun)
2. I myself saw him do it. (myself – emphatic pronoun)
3. You will hurt yourself. (yourself – reflexive pronoun)
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8. You are deceiving yourself. (yourself – reflexive pronoun)
9. The man killed himself. (himself – reflexive pronoun)
10. I myself heard the remark. (myself – emphatic pronoun)
11. The town itself is not very large. (Itself – emphatic pronoun)