

The identity of intensifiers (and reflexives)

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In many languages such as English, French, or Mandarin, the same form is used for so-called adnominal and adverbial intensifiers as illustrated in (1).

- (1) a. The king himself came. (adnominal intensifier *himself*)
b. The king wrote the letter himself. (adverbial intensifier *himself*)

Yet, all existing analyses propose a different lexical entry for these two types of intensifiers. The main goal of my talk is to unify the analysis of intensifiers like *herself* under all its uses.

Furthermore, the analysis I propose is aimed to extend to possessive intensifiers such as *her own*, which, as I will show, exhibit the same range of readings as *herself*. Finally, the analysis is also designed to allow a unification of intensifiers and reflexives, which have long been observed to be (partially) morphologically identical in many languages.