

Demonstrative Pronoun and Adjective



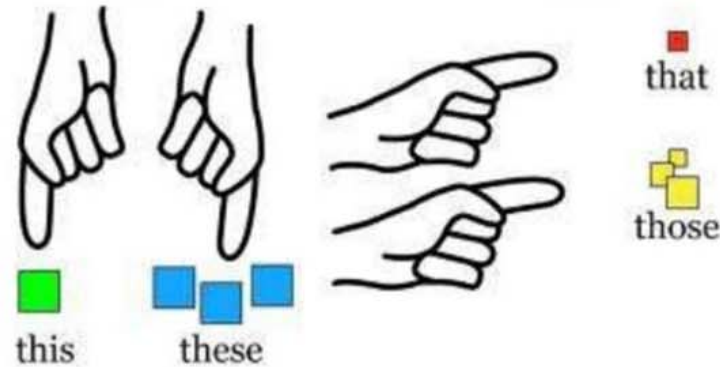
Hello and welcome back in this lesson we will be looking at how demonstrative pronouns and demonstrative adjectives modify nouns

This, that, these and those.

The most popular demonstrative pronouns are:

This, that, these and those.

Here (Near Speaker) There (Far from Speaker)



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The only difference between demonstrative pronouns and demonstrative adjectives is that demonstrative adjectives are followed by nouns while demonstrative pronouns are not.

Recap:

Demonstratives differ according to:

- distance: near or far,
- or number: singular or plural.

Here are the main distinctions:

- ***This*** modifies or refers to singular nouns that are near to the speaker.
- ***That*** modifies or refers to singular nouns that are far from the speaker.
- ***These*** modifies or refers to plural nouns that are near to the speaker.
- ***Those*** modifies or refers to plural nouns that are far from the speaker.

Demonstratives	Singular	Plural	Near	Far
This	✓	-	✓	-
That	✓	-	-	✓
These	-	✓	✓	-
Those	-	✓	-	✓

How do you define a Demonstrative Pronoun?

Demonstrative pronouns are the same pronouns used for demonstrative adjectives - *this, that, these and those*. The difference is in the sentence structure.

- The demonstrative pronoun takes the place of the noun phrase.
- The demonstrative adjective is always followed by a noun.



Examples:

For example, here are some demonstrative pronouns that are taking the place of the underlined noun phrase:

The rug in the corner smells disgusting. --> *That* smells disgusting.



The amount of running we are doing really hurts. --> *This* really hurts.

What is the large thing in the sky? --> What is *that*?



Such, none, and neither.

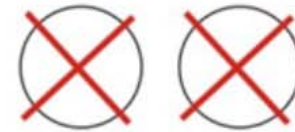
There are three other words that are sometimes used as demonstrative pronouns - *such*, *none*, and *neither*.



Examples are:

- We are allowed *none*.

- *Neither* of us.



Neither

- He had to leave in haste; *such* was the situation.



When to use a Demonstrative Pronoun

Typically, demonstrative pronouns are mostly used in spoken English because, when you use a demonstrative pronoun, you will either need to indicate what you're talking about by pointing or otherwise gesturing toward it.



However, demonstrative pronouns can be used in written English if the context makes clear the noun to which the demonstrative pronoun refers.

- Bread, milk, eggs and honey, *these* are all on my shopping list.



- There are long days and it is always warm, *that* is why I love the summer.



How to define a Demonstrative Adjective

This, that, these and *those* are adjectives because they modify nouns. That means they come before nouns in a sentence.

Example:



- Is *this* bag mine?



- Is *that* television for sale?



- *These* cakes smell amazing.



- I said *those* shoes would be useful.

So what is a demonstrative pronoun? It's a single demonstrative word that takes the place of a noun, a noun phrase, a string of noun phrases, an activity, or a situation in both written and spoken English.

Can you tell which is which?

Is the sentence containing a demonstrative pronoun or demonstrative adjective?

Bread, milk, eggs and honey, *these* are all on my shopping list.

These cakes smell amazing.

Neither of us.

I said *those* shoes would be useful.