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Demonstrative pronouns



Usage

We use the demonstrative pronouns *this* and *these* to talk about people and things that are **near to us**. Words like *here* and *over here* refer to a relatively near distance to the speaker.

e.g. *This is my lovely cat. These are her kittens.*

We use the demonstrative pronouns *that* and *those* to talk about people and things that are **far from us**. Words like *there* and *over there* refer to a relatively far distance to the speaker.

e.g. *Look at the jewellery! Are those at the back pretty? I like that diamond necklace!*

Look at the jewellery!



Part 1 Statements

We form statements with demonstrative pronouns and verb *to be* in the following ways:

	Positive statement		Negative statement	
	Near	Far	Near	Far
Singular	This <u>is</u> our class teacher.	That <u>is</u> an old building.	This <u>is not / isn't</u> his guitar.	That <u>is not / isn't</u> my classroom.
Plural	These <u>are</u> colour pencils.	Those <u>are</u> new facilities.	These <u>are not / aren't</u> orchids.	Those <u>are not / aren't</u> horses.



Vocabulary:

savoury (adj.): having a pleasant taste or smell
 date (v.): to have a romantic relationship with

Exercise 1

Underline the correct words in brackets.

1. (These / This) is my cousin, Tammy. She's here for the summer.
2. (This / These) aren't delicious. We won't eat them!
3. (That / This) isn't very heavy. Can you bring it here?
4. Look! I found (this / these) at the bus stop. Are they yours?
5. (These / Those) are naughty students. Can't you see them kicking a can over there?



Part 2 Yes / No-questions

We form *yes / no*-questions and short answers with demonstrative pronouns and verb *to be* in the following ways:

Question		
	Near	Far
Singular	<u>Is this</u> an English storybook?	<u>Is that</u> a swimming pool?
Plural	<u>Are these</u> your sports shoes?	<u>Are those</u> your classmates?

Short answer		
	Positive	Negative
Singular	Yes, <u>it is</u> .	No, <u>it is not / isn't</u> .
Plural	Yes, <u>they are</u> .	No, <u>they are not / aren't</u> .



Educator's Tips



When we answer *yes / no*-questions with demonstrative pronouns, we use *it* to replace *this* and *that* and *they* to replace *these* and *those*.

e.g. *Is this / that painting great?*

✗ Yes, *this / that is*.

✓ Yes, **it is**.

e.g. *Are these / those cauliflowers?*

✗ No, *these / those aren't*.

✓ No, **they aren't**.

Exercise 2

Change the following statements into questions.

1. This is my cat, Lulu.

Is this your cat, Lulu?

2. Those are my model cars and planes.
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3. These are my brother's favourite snacks.
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4. That is a very difficult exam!
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Unit Recap

Miss Wong is talking to Class 1A. There are some mistakes about demonstrative pronouns in her speech. Correct the underlined mistakes by writing the correct demonstrative pronouns above them.

Good morning, class. This year, I will teach you Maths and Science.

These

(1) This are interesting subjects. You will enjoy learning them. Now, let me tell you the rules in my class. (2) This aren't difficult to follow.

First, put the books back after finishing them. By the windows are the bookshelves. (3) This are where you return the books. Second, keep the classroom clean. (4) Those is the rubbish bin next to the shelves. Put all your rubbish in it. (5) That is our classroom. We must keep it tidy. Third, share things with your classmates. Look at the back of the classroom. (6) This is a noticeboard. You can put up interesting news articles there. All right, (7) these is the end of the lesson. Enjoy your recess!

