

THE DEMONSTRATIVES

ACTIVITY TYPE

Reading, Writing, Grammar,
Exercises

LANGUAGE FOCUS

DEMONSTRATIVES

AIM

To learn and practice the
DEMONSTRATIVES

LEVEL

Beginner, Elementary,
Intermediate

TIME

45 Min

INTRODUCTION

After going through your regular review and teacher talk, tell the students that they're going to learn the DEMONSTRATIVES in English

PREPARATION

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student

PROCEDURE

Give one copy of the worksheet to each student.
Go through the grammar and exercises together.

WRAPUP

Ask the students if they have any doubts.

Thank them for coming to the lesson.

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THIS, THAT, THESE, THOSE

1. Function

The demonstratives *this, that, these, those*, show *where* an object or person is in relation to the speaker.

This (singular) and *these* (plural) refer to an object or person near the speaker. *That* (singular) and *those* (plural) refer to an object or person further away. It can be a *physical* closeness or distance as in:

Who owns *that* house? (distant)

Is *this* John's house? (near)

Or it can be a *psychological* distance as in:

That's nothing to do with me.. (distant)

This is a nice surprise! (near)



2. Position

- a) Before the noun.
- b) Before the word 'one'.
- c) Before an adjective + noun.
- d) Alone when the noun is 'understood'.

Examples:

This car looks cleaner than *that* one.

This old world keeps turning round

Do you remember *that* wonderful day in June?

I'll never forget *this*.

Exercises

Fill the gaps with **this**, **these**, **that** or **those**.

- 1 I don't like this chair. I like _____ one over there.
- 2 Don't do it like that. Do it like _____.
- 3 _____ house is old but that one on the other side of the street is quite new.
- 4 Sean is _____ boy at the back of the class.
- 5 The red shoes are awful. I like _____ shoes here.
- 6 Where did you buy _____ hat you're wearing?
- 7 Look at _____ earrings I'm wearing. I bought them in the market.
- 8 Did you see _____ motorbikes that just went by?
- 9 I wish _____ people at the next table would stop talking so loudly.
- 10 Do you remember _____ black jeans I'm always wearing? I got bleach on them.
- 11 If _____ kid doesn't stop screaming, I'm going to another restaurant and quickly!
- 12 Waiter. _____ coffee tastes funny.