

Lesson Six

This, That, These, Those

Aims

The aims of this lesson are to enable you to use

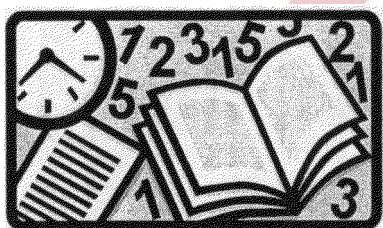
- demonstrative adjectives
- demonstrative pronouns

Context

At the end of the lesson, you will face a Progress Test which will examine you on what is contained in this Lesson, and also the contents of Lessons Four and Five.

Before you try this Assignment, make sure you have revised all the material so far.

Demonstrative Adjectives



We have looked at *adjectives* and seen they are describing words; now we are looking at *demonstrative adjectives* that are not only describing words, but as is suggested by the word, demonstrate. Here they are

this	these
that	those

Examples

this book, that book these books, those books this boy, that boy these boys, those boys this girl, that girl these girls, those girls
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You will notice that whether the noun is masculine, feminine, or neuter, the forms are the same. Even so, there are subtle changes: in the plural *this* becomes *these*, and *that* becomes *those*... You can never win completely in English: although most of the time adjectives will not change, there are occasional exceptions - that have to be remembered!

Demonstrative Pronouns

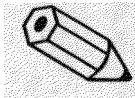
Now we come to the *Demonstrative Pronouns* that instead of describing nouns, replace them! This is how they go:

this(one)	these
that(one)	those

Examples

- a) Peter wants this (adjective) book, but I want that one (pronoun)
- b) They can have these (adjective) flowers as long as you have those (pronoun).

This is a fairly short lesson so we shall only have one Activity. But following is a Progress Test which will be based on Lessons Four, Five, and Six.

Activity 1) Fill in the gaps with the appropriate Pronoun or Adjective: (sometimes there is more than one Answer)
	i) Which car do you prefer, _____one, or _____one? ii) Neither; I prefer _____ (plural). iii) _____ hills are very beautiful, much more beautiful than

	<p>_____ mountain.</p> <p>iv) _____ girls are less hard working than _____</p> <p>v) Which is the best way to go? By _____ road, or _____?</p> <p>) In the following sentences, say which are demonstrative pronouns, and which are adjectives.</p> <p>i) I like these apples better that those.</p> <p>ii) Which is the best way to learn a language. Study these sentences, and that may help.</p> <p>iii) This is far more exciting than those!</p> <p>iv) It is very dark; which is the best way home? Go down that lane, and take this torch.</p>
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Key

- a)
- i) Which car do you prefer, this one or that one?
 - ii) Neither; I prefer those (these).
 - iii) These (those) hills are very beautiful, much more beautiful **that** that (this) mountain.
 - iv) These (those) girls are less hard working than those (these).
 - v) Which is the best way to go? By this road, or that one?
- b)
- i) These apples = adjective; those = pronoun
 - ii) These sentences = adjective; that = pronoun
 - iii) This = pronoun; those = pronoun
 - iv) That lane = adjective; this torch = adjective

