



ARTICLES & DETERMINERS

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This, that, these, those, my, your, their and more

1. Learn the Rules

Demonstratives help us identify people and things.

Word	Use	Example
this	One thing near us	This bag is mine.
that	One thing farther away	That building is old.
these	More than one thing near us	These shoes are comfortable.
those	More than one thing farther away	Those houses are expensive.

Possessive determiners tell us who something belongs to or who it is connected with.

Person	Possessive determiner	Example
I	my	My keys are here.
you	your	Is this your phone?
he	his	His car is outside.
she	her	Her office is upstairs.
it	its	The company changed its name.
we	our	Our house is nearby.
they	their	Their children are at school.

Use a possessive determiner before a noun: my book, their house.

Compare: - This is my bag. (possessive determiner + noun)

- This bag is mine. (possessive pronoun)

2. Choose the Correct Word

1. (This / These) shoes are too small for me.
2. Can you see (that / those) mountain in the distance?
3. (This / These) is my favourite restaurant.
4. I like (that / those) flowers over there.
5. Maria has forgotten (her / hers) umbrella.
6. We invited (our / ours) neighbours to dinner.
7. The dog is wagging (its / it's) tail.
8. Is this (your / yours) seat?
9. Peter and Anna have sold (their / theirs) house.
10. (That / Those) books on the top shelf belong to me.

3. Complete the Conversations

Use a suitable word: this, that, these, those, my, your, his, her, our, their.

Conversation A — At a shop

Customer: How much are _____ shoes near the door?

Assistant: _____ shoes are \$40.

Customer: And what about _____ pair here?

Assistant: _____ pair is \$55.

Conversation B — Meeting a new colleague

Alex: Hi, I'm Alex. Is this _____ first day?

Sam: Yes, it is. I'm Sam. This is _____ desk, and that one is Maria's.

Alex: Nice to meet you. Where are Maria and _____ manager?

Sam: They're in _____ meeting room.

4. Find and Correct the Mistake

Each sentence has one mistake. Rewrite it correctly.

1. These book is very interesting. _____
2. That people are waiting for the bus. _____
3. She forgot hers passport. _____
4. The company has changed it's policy. _____
5. This are my keys. _____
6. They invited us to theirs house. _____
7. Those restaurant is always busy. _____
8. He can't find he wallet. _____

5. Describe Your World

Choose five things you can see around you.

Describe them to your partner using demonstratives and possessive determiners.

Examples: "This is my notebook."

"Those chairs belong to our teacher."

"That building has a large garden."

Then ask your partner three questions about their belongings or surroundings.

REAL ENGLISH BOX

In everyday English, we often use demonstratives to introduce or point out things:

- "This is my friend, Lina."
- "Those are the documents I need."
- "That's a good idea!"
- "These are delicious."

Remember: it's means it is or it has. Its shows possession: "The cat is licking its paw."

Teacher's Key

Activity 2: 1 These, 2 that, 3 This, 4 those, 5 her, 6 our, 7 its, 8 your, 9 their, 10 Those.

Activity 3 — Suggested answers:

Conversation A: those; Those; this; This.

Conversation B: your; my; our; their.

Note: The final answers in Conversation B depend on the intended meaning. “Where are Maria and our manager?” works if Alex and Sam share the same manager; “their meeting room” is also possible if the room belongs to Maria and the manager. Accept alternatives that fit the context.

Activity 4:

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Activity 5 is open-ended.