

Activity Type

Reading and writing activity

Language Focus

Demonstrative pronouns: this, that, these, those

Aim

To practice how to use the demonstrative pronouns: this, that, these and those.

Preparation

Make one copy of the two-page worksheet for each student.

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this demonstrative pronouns worksheet, students practice how to use the pronouns: this, that, these and those.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the two-page worksheet.

Students begin by completing sentences with the demonstrative pronouns 'this' or 'these', depending on whether the object is singular or plural.

Exercise A - Answer key

1. This 2. These 3. This 4. This 5. These 6. This

Students then continue by completing a set of sentences with 'that' and 'those'.

Exercise C - Answer key

1. That 2. Those 3. That 4. Those 5. That 6. Those

Next, students read sentences and underline the correct demonstrative pronouns.

Exercise C - Answer key

1. that 4. That 7. This 10. this
2. these 5. these 8. These 11. that
3. This 6. this 9. those 12. Those

After that, students read sentences and change them from singular to plural or vice versa.

Exercise D - Answer key

1. Those were my friends.
2. These are my brother's toys.
3. This looks like the bicycle I had years ago.
4. That was my mother's ring.
5. This has been discussed many times.
6. Is that your shirt?
7. Find your own books! These are mine.
8. That is an expensive computer.
9. They will discuss that in today's lecture.
10. I won't eat this. It's disgusting!

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Finally, students read two texts and do a gap-fill exercise where they fill in each gap with a demonstrative pronoun: this, these, that or those.

Exercise E - Answer key

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| 1. This | 6. These |
| 2. This | 7. those |
| 3. That | 8. This |
| 4. That | 9. this |
| 5. These | 10. those |

A. Complete the sentences with the demonstrative pronouns 'this' or 'these'.

1. is one bad headache. I should probably take something for it.
2. are confidential. You can't show them to anyone!
3. looks a little big. Maybe I should ask for a shirt in a smaller size.
4. seems like a bad idea. I don't want to be a part of it.
5. can't be yours. They don't seem to suit you at all.
6. is extremely important information. Make sure you understand it.

B. Complete the sentences with 'that' or 'those'.

1. isn't what I said. I can repeat it again if you like.
2. are so beautiful! I've always dreamt of having similar shoes!
3. is something you'll have to ask your teacher. I don't have the answer for you.
4. look like delicious desserts. I'd like to bring a few of them home.
5. isn't my car. It's my neighbour's.
6. need to be washed again. They still look dirty.

C. Underline the correct demonstrative pronouns in the sentences.

1. Is that / those your hat on the table? It isn't mine.
2. Are those/ these your pencils here?
3. This / These is my father's watch.
4. That / Those was such an interesting experience.
5. Are this / these your shoes? I found them on the floor.
6. It looks dangerous! I don't know about this / these.
7. This / these is unacceptable behaviour!
8. This / These smell like cotton candy.
9. What are that / those?
10. What a beautiful project! Did you do this / these?
11. I want to do something like that / those to my hair! I always see it in magazines.
12. That / Those have a strong flavour. I'd recommend trying only one first.



D. Rewrite the sentences from singular to plural or vice versa.

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2. This is my brother's toy.
3. These look like the bicycles we had years ago.
4. Those were my mother's rings.
5. These have been discussed many times.
6. Are those your shirts?
7. Find your own book! This is mine.
8. Those are expensive computers.
9. They will discuss those in today's lecture.
10. I won't eat these. They're disgusting.

E. Read the two texts and fill in each gap with a demonstrative pronoun: this, these, that or those.

In the classroom

Mateo showed his new phone to his friend, Jose. "(1) is mine," he said.

"(2) was given to me yesterday by my father."

Jose then pointed to his phone, which was on the desk a few meters away. "(3) one is mine," he said. "It's only a month old. (4) was bought for me at Christmas."

Mateo opened the display on his phone and showed it to Jose. "(5) are all the apps I have on my phone," he said.

In the clothes shop

"Which dresses do you want to buy, Nina?" said Ella. "(6) ones here," said Nina.

"There are some really nice ones on the rack over there. I like (7),"

said Ella. Ella walked over and took a red dress from the rack. "(8)

matches my shoes. I'll take (9),"

At the checkout, Nina spotted some hair clips behind the counter. "We'll take

(10),"

