Topic: Demonstrative Pronouns

**1. What Are Demonstrative Pronouns?**

Demonstrative pronouns are used to point to specific things, replacing a noun in a sentence. In English, the main demonstrative pronouns are:

* This (singular, near)
* That (singular, far)
* These (plural, near)
* Those (plural, far)

**2. When to Use Demonstrative Pronouns**

Demonstrative pronouns are used based on distance (physical or metaphorical) and number:

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| Demonstrative pronouns | Singular | Plural |
| Near (perto – here: aqui) | This (este, esta, isto) | These (estes, estas) |
| Far (longe – there: lá) | That (esse, essa, isso, aquele, aquela, aquilo) | Those (esses, essas, aqueles, aquelas) |

Key Notes:

"This" and "these" refer to objects close to the speaker, and they can often be followed by ‘here’.

"That" and "those" refer to objects farther away, and they can often be followed by ‘there’.

**3. How to Use Demonstrative Pronouns in Sentences**

A) Referring to Objects or People

This is my favorite jacket. (Singular, near)

Those are delicious cookies. (Plural, far)

B) Identifying Something in a Conversation

What is this? (When pointing at something close)

Who is that? (When referring to a person far away)

C) Contrasting Ideas

This is mine, and that is yours.

These are fresh, but those are old.

4. Exercises

A) Fill in the Blanks with the Correct Demonstrative Pronoun:

1. \_\_\_\_ is my friend, Jake. (Near)

2. \_\_\_\_ are the books I told you about. (Near, plural)

3. \_\_\_\_ is my house across the street. (Far)

4. \_\_\_\_ were the best days of my life. (Far, plural)

B) Choose the Correct Option:

1. (This/That) is a beautiful sunset we are watching.

2. I want to buy (these/those) shoes over there.

3. (This/These) are my keys on the table.

4. Do you see (that/those) mountain in the distance?

C) Create Your Own Sentences:

Write two sentences using each demonstrative pronoun:

1. This →

2. That →

3. These →

4. Those →