

GRAMMAR FILE

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REFERENCE

this/that/these/those

	close to you	not close to you
singular	this	that
plural	these	those

We use *this*, *that*, *these* and *those* when we are pointing to something or talking about it. We use *this* and *these* for things that are close to us (e.g. things that we are holding or touching). We use *that* and *those* for things that are not close to us.

This phone is amazing!

Look at **that** car over there!

Are **these** football boots yours?

We can sit on **those** chairs by the window.

be: present and past simple

present

I	am / 'm not	happy.
We/You/They	are / aren't	
He/She/It	is / isn't	

past

I	was / wasn't	happy.
We/You/They	were / weren't	
He/She/It	was / wasn't	

I'm fifteen years old.

My mum's a teacher.

We **were** at school yesterday.

The film last night **wasn't** very good.

subject and object pronouns, possessive adjectives

subject pronouns	I	you	he	she	it	we	you	they
object pronouns	me	you	him	her	it	us	you	them
possessive adjectives	my	your	his	her	its	our	your	their

We use subject pronouns before a verb.

They play football every day.

We use object pronouns after a verb or a preposition.

I don't like **him**.

We use possessive adjectives to say who something belongs to.

Is that **your** phone?

can/can't

We use *can* to talk about an ability. The verb stays the same for all persons.

I **can** swim.

Jack **can** play the guitar.

They **can** sing really well.

We use *can't* if someone doesn't have an ability.

My brother **can't** ride a bike.

They **can't** hear us.

Notice how we make questions and short answers.

A: Can you swim?

B: Yes, I can.

A: Can she play tennis?

B: No, she can't.

imperatives

We use imperatives to tell someone to do something. We use the base form of the verb.

Sit down!

Please **be** quiet.

We don't use a subject pronoun.

~~You~~ **come in.** Come in.

We use *don't* to tell someone not to do something.

Don't eat all the biscuits!

Don't forget to call me.

question words

to ask about:	we use:
a person	who
a thing	what
a place	where
a time	when
a way	how
age	how old
possession	whose

Question words come at the beginning of a question, before the auxiliary verb and subject.

Who do you sit next to in class?

Where do you live?

How old are you?

Whose bike is that?

PRACTICE

this/those/these/those

1 Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- 1 I don't like **this** / **these** TV show – it's boring. Can we watch something else?
- 2 Look at **that** / **those** amazing shoes!
- 3 Let's go into **these** / **that** shop over there.
- 4 Mm, **that** / **these** biscuits are nice!
- 5 **This** / **That** letter here is from my uncle.

be: present and past simple

2 Complete the sentences with these forms of 'be'. You do not need two of the forms.

are is isn't 'm was were weren't

- 1 The film last night amazing – I loved it!
- 2 I really tired today.
- 3 You at the party last Saturday – why not?
- 4 Beth a really good dancer. I love watching her dance.
- 5 Our teachers strict, so we usually work hard.

subject and object pronouns, possessive adjectives

3 Choose the correct answers to complete the post.

Do ¹..... have a special photo? What is it? Tell ²..... why it's important to you.

Roxy55



My favourite photo is of me and ³..... family. It was last summer, when ⁴..... were at a theme park. I love ⁵..... because everyone looks so happy, especially my dad. He's got a big smile on ⁶..... face!

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My grandparents live a long way away, so I don't see ⁷..... very often. Last year we went to a wildlife park and my granddad took a photo of me with an elephant. I'm giving ⁸..... some food. I love that photo!

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|----------|--------|--------|
| 1 A you | B your | C us |
| 2 A I | B us | C my |
| 3 A me | B I | C my |
| 4 A them | B we | C our |
| 5 A it | B him | C her |
| 6 A he | B his | C him |
| 7 A they | B us | C them |
| 8 A it | B them | C he |

can/can't

4 Write sentences with 'can' or 'can't'.

- 1 my baby sister / swim X

- 2 Lisa and George / ride a bike ✓

- 3 Pablo / speak English ?

- 4 I / play the piano X

- 5 your cousin / drive ?

imperatives

5 Complete the tips with the correct imperative form of the verbs in brackets.

Homework tips for happy students!

- ¹..... (wait) until the night before you have to hand in a piece of homework – you may not have enough time to do it well! ²..... (do) it on the day you get it if you can.
- ³..... (use) the internet if you need to, but ⁴..... (start) chatting to your friends online!
- ⁵..... (try) to do all your homework in one night – it just isn't possible!

question words

6 Complete the text messages with these question words. You do not need one of the question words.

how what where when who whose why

Sam! ¹..... are you?

I'm in Edgely, Mum – near the sports centre.

²..... are you doing there?

I'm trying to get home.

But ³..... did you get there?

I got on the wrong bus.

⁴..... can't you get the right bus home now?

Because I don't have any more money.

You left your phone at home. ⁵..... phone are you using?

The bus driver's! ⁶..... can you pick me up?

I can come right now! See you soon.