

That was
then, this is
now!

COMMUNICATION

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Beginner

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Goals

- Can recognise and understand how the words this and that are used to talk about different things
- Can use these words and new vocabulary to form basic sentences describing the furniture in my home or office to a colleague







Preview and warm-up

- In this lesson, you will learn how to describe the **location** of **objects** in a house and the determiners *this* and *that*.



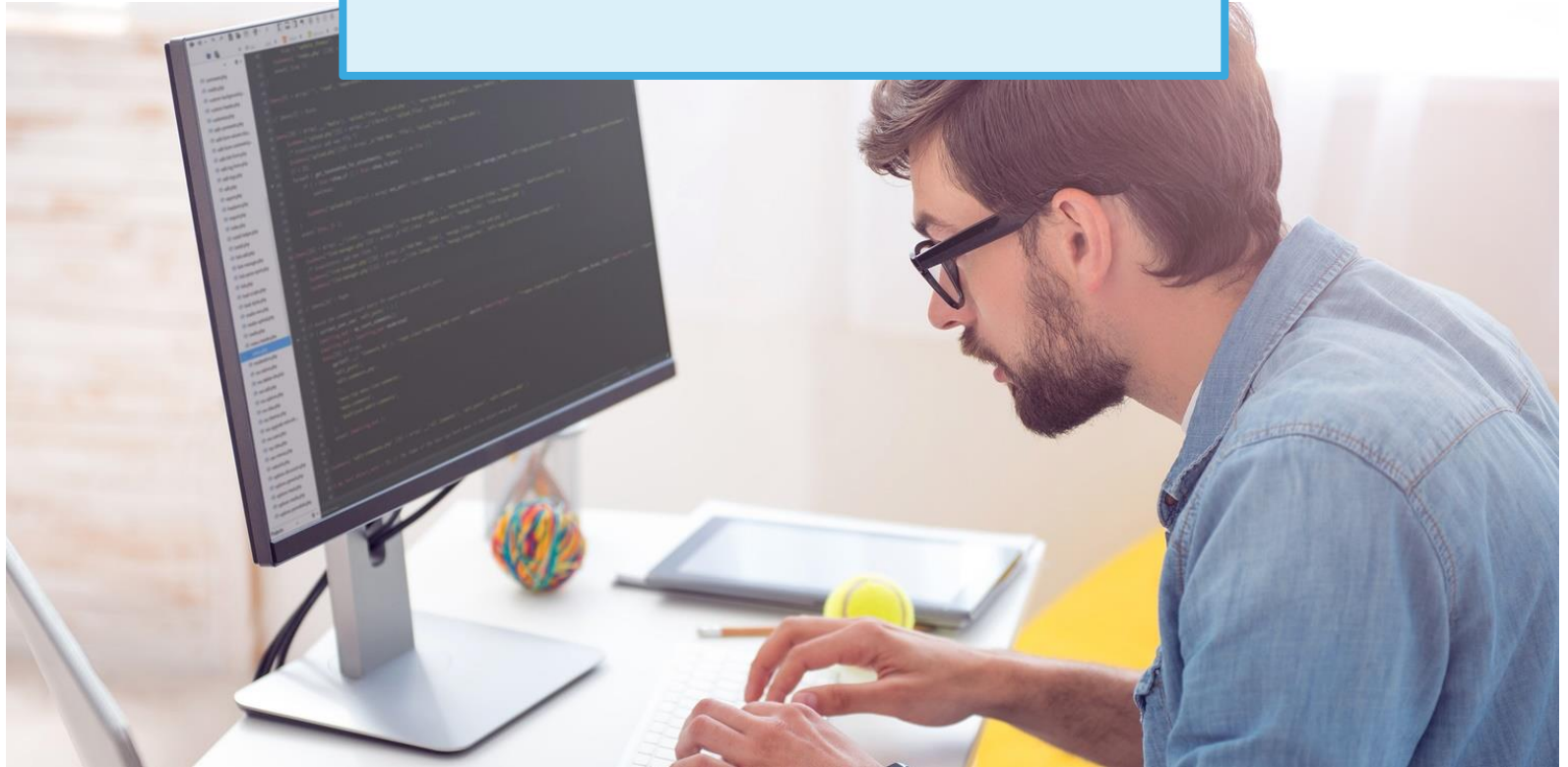
Those mugs are on the **table**.

laptop



I use my **laptop** at home and in the office.

desktop



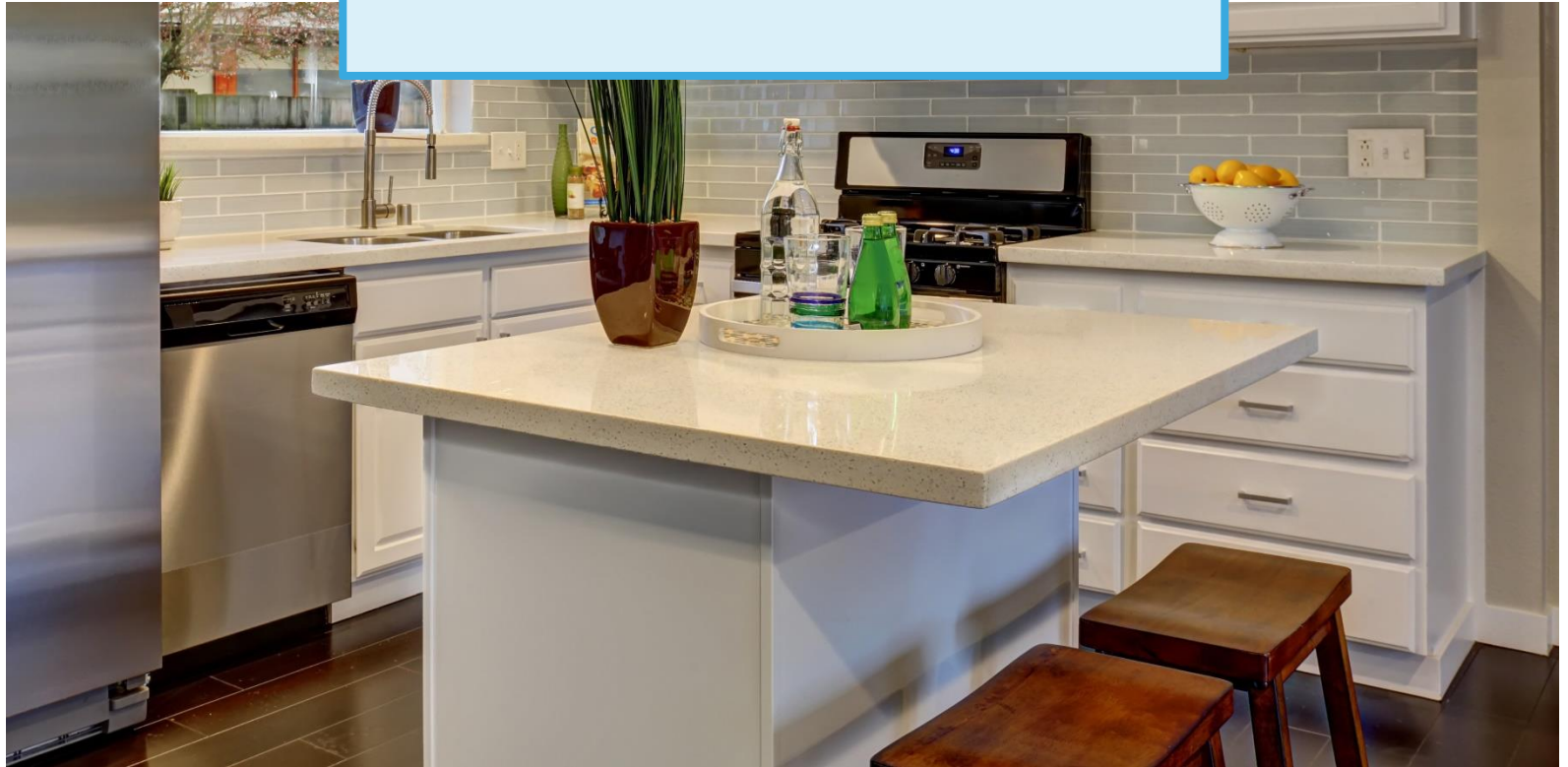
I have a **desktop** computer at work and a laptop at home.

window



The **window** lets in sunlight and makes my house bright.

floor



The kitchen **floor** is dark brown and wooden.

table



The round **table** is next to two modern chairs.



Where do you work on your computer?



I can't live without my **desktop**!

This man has a **desktop** and a **laptop**.





Many different windows



This **window** is small and behind the sink.

This **window** is big and starts at the **floor**.



This **window** is bigger and goes from the **floor** to the ceiling.

This house has **windows** on both **floors**; upstairs and downstairs.





This** and **that

We use **this** and **that** to say which one.

This is usually closer and **that** is usually farther away.

This is closer.	This is my laptop.
That is farther.	That is my office building in the distance.
This is mine.	I always sit on this chair.
That is yours.	You can sit on that chair.



That was then, this is now!

This is also used when talking about the time or place that the speaker is **currently** in.

That is used for talking about **distant** times or places.

This	Meaning
This is the best day of my life!	Talking about today.
This is my favourite laptop in the office.	Said while working on a laptop in the office.

That	Meaning
That was a wonderful holiday!	Talking about a holiday in the past.
That is my manager's car.	Said while pointing at a car 100 metres away.



That was then, this is now!

This is also used when introducing somebody, or when something is in the possession of the speaker (including when it is **their** favourite type of something).

This	Meaning
This is my colleague, Chris.	Said while introducing Chris to someone.
This is my favourite book!	Said when reading the book.
This is the photo I was talking about.	Said while showing someone the photo.
This is my desk.	Said while at the speaker's desk



That was then, *this* is now!

and for contrast...

That	Meaning
That is my colleague Chris.	Said while the speaker is pointing at Chris from a distance. Chris is not a part of this conversation.



Fill in the gaps

Complete the sentences with *this* or *that*

1. _____ is my manager out in the garden.
2. _____ is my colleague. His name is Andrew.
3. I love _____ park. I come here every day after work.
4. _____ was such a great week!
5. _____ is Amy's house across the road.



Match the sentence to the picture.

A



B

That side of the room is darker. This side of the room is brighter.



Match the pictures to the sentences

1. This floor is black.

2. That floor is white.

3. This living room has a sofa.

4. That office has a desk.



A



B

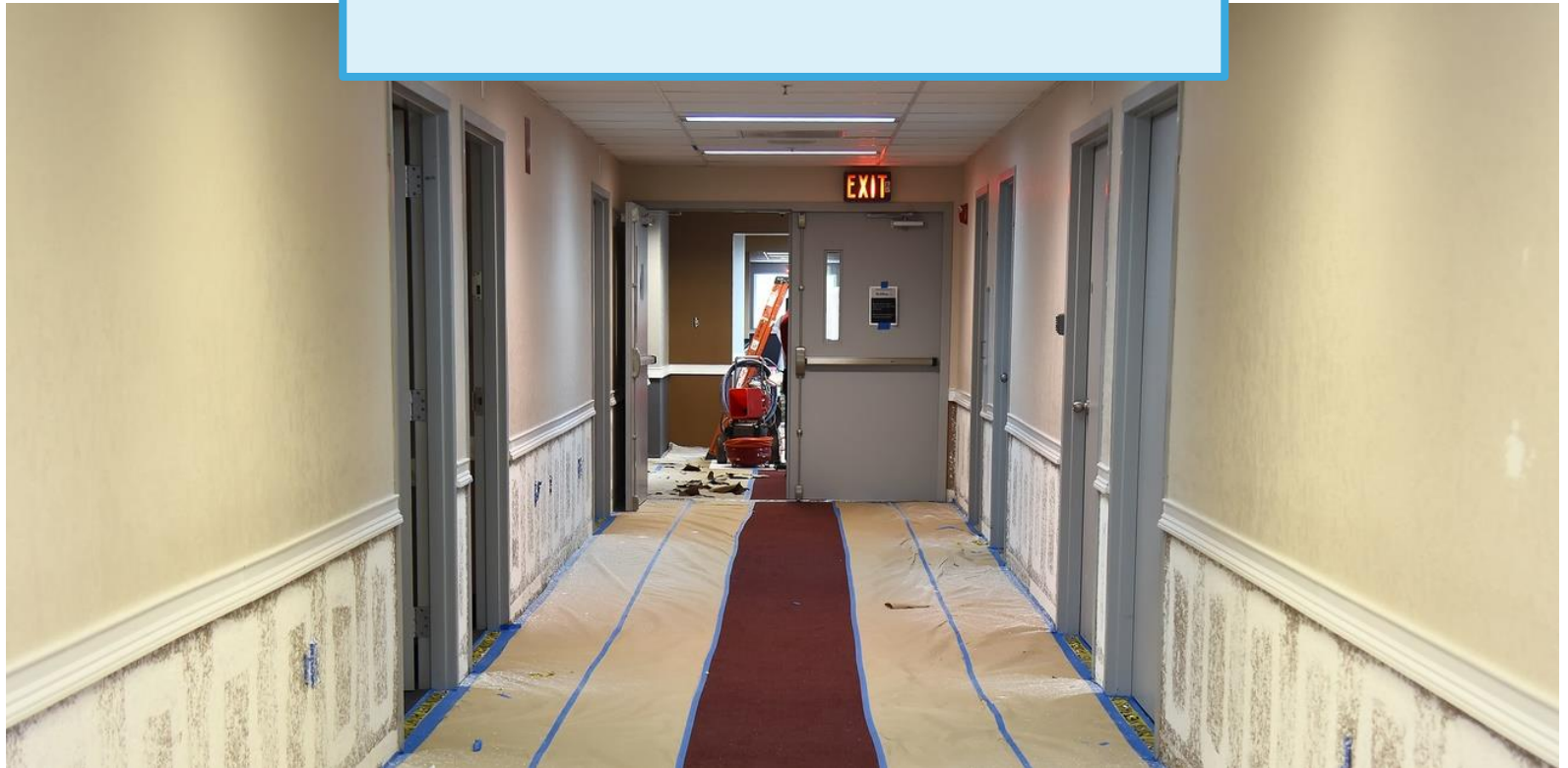


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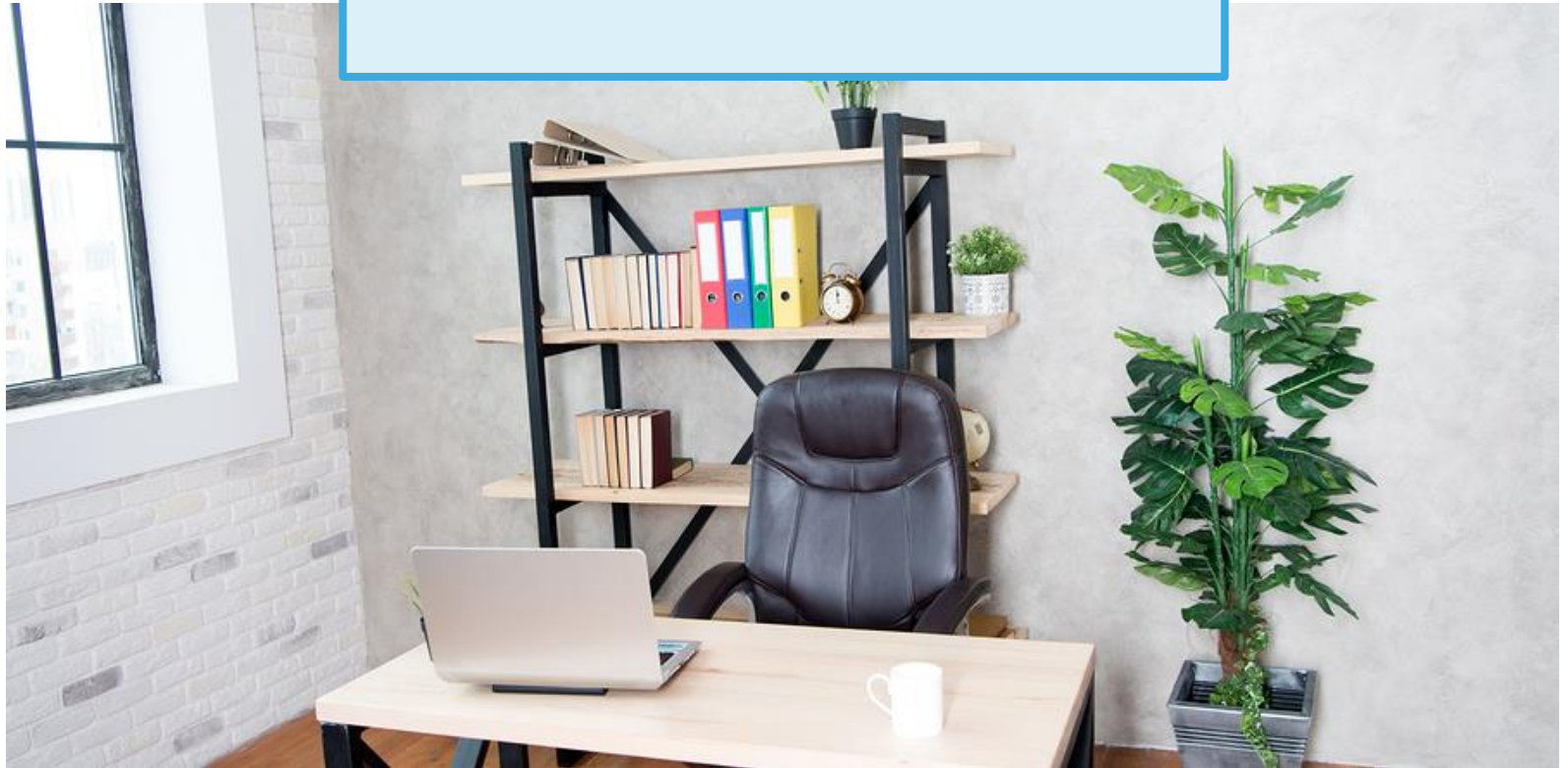
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door



This hallway has many **doors**.

bookshelf



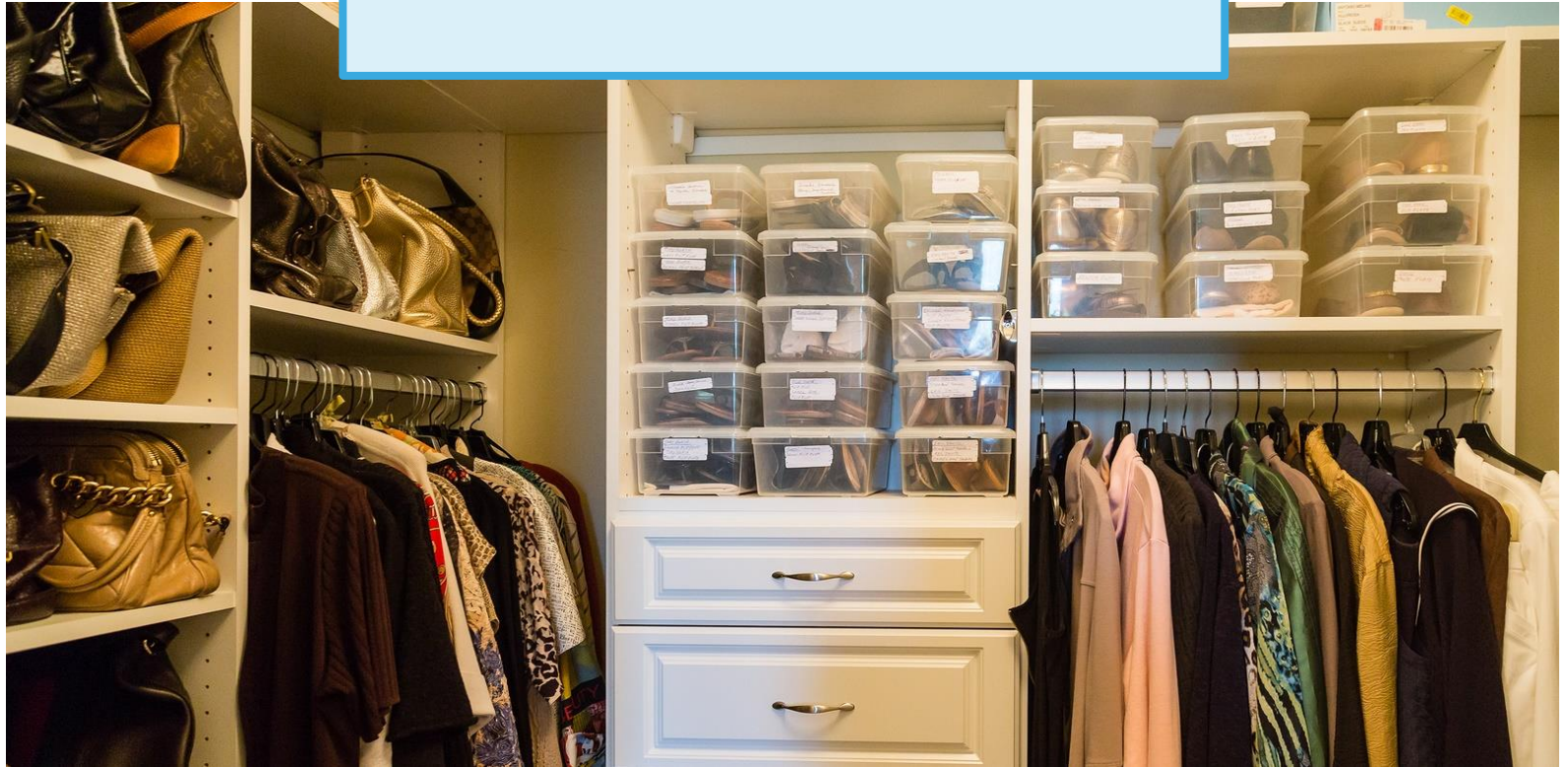
This room has **bookshelves** behind the chair.

lamp



My office has a white **lamp**.

closet



This **closet** is a small room used for storage.

wardrobe



This **wardrobe** is a piece of furniture used for storing clothes.



Closet or wardrobe?



This **closet** is mine. Is it messy or tidy?

That apartment doesn't have a **closet** so they use a **wardrobe**.





Many doors, bookshelves, and lamps!



These **doors** are all brown!

These **bookshelves** have many books on them.



This **lamp** is very useful when I am writing in my notebook.

That man has a houseplant on his **bookshelf**.





These and those

These and **those** are the plural forms of **this** and **that**.

- **These** are usually closer and **those** are usually farther.
- **These** are usually mine and **those** are usually yours.

singular	plural
This is my bookshelf.	These are my books.
That is your bookshelf.	Those are your books.



Match the words to the pictures

A

B

C

D



table

bookshelves

door

lamp



This or that?



Hello Sarah! What did you think of 1. _____ meeting about the new project?

Sure! Today is Monday. Does that mean that you want to have a meeting 3. _____ Wednesday?

Wow, 5. _____ is amazing. Should we share it with everyone then?

I liked it. We should have meetings more often. Why don't we have one every Wednesday? Do you think 2. _____ is a good idea?

Yes! I'd love to. I found a new video about a similar project. Why don't we discuss 4. _____ one on Wednesday with everyone?

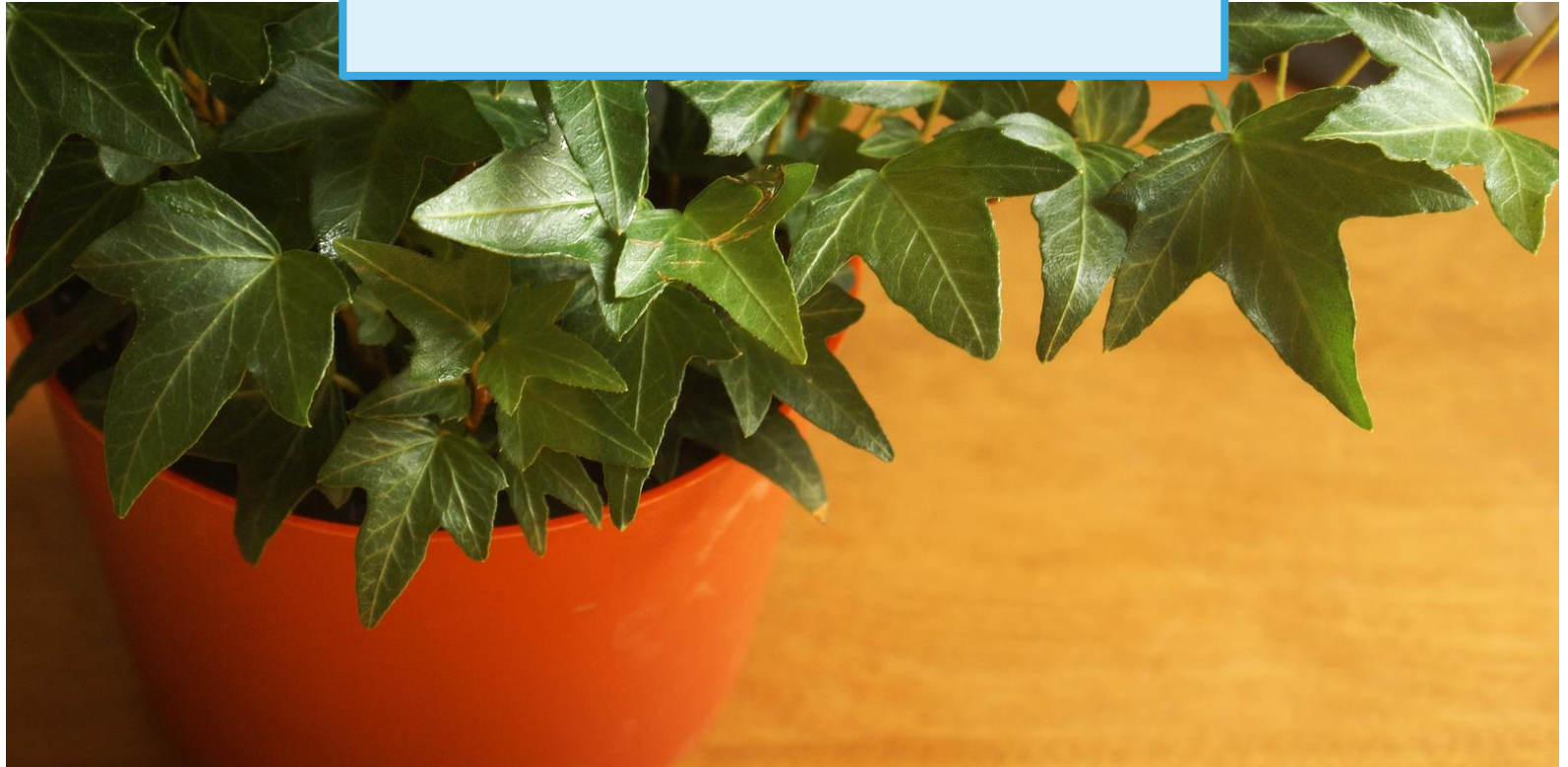
Yeah, I really like 6. _____ idea. Hopefully everyone else does!

counter



We don't have a table so we eat at this **counter**.

houseplant



These **houseplants** make my kitchen look like a garden!



Where are these houseplants?



This **houseplant** is on the counter.

That **houseplant** is in front of the window.





How are they different?



These **bookshelves** have many books and a **houseplant**.

Those **bookshelves** have no books and no **houseplant**.



This office has many **windows** and it is very bright.

That office has no **windows** and it is darker.





Singular or plural?

this/that

these/those

window



windows



houseplant



houseplants



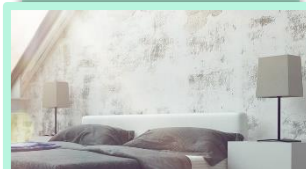
doors



door



lamps



lamp





Role play

You're renting a new apartment. It's empty and you need new furniture and appliances for it. Imagine you are discussing what to buy with a colleague.

I need a bed, a lamp and a wardrobe in the bedroom.



No, you do not need a wardrobe. You have a closet.

Student A:
You are renting the apartment

Student B:
You are the colleague, agree or disagree with their ideas



Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

yes

no





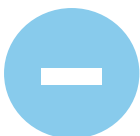
Answer key

Exercise p. 15: 1. That, 2. This, 3. This, 4. That, 5. That.
Exercise p. 16: A. This side of the room is brighter. B. That side of the room is darker.
Exercise p. 17: 1. D 2. A 3. B 4. C
Exercise p. 26: A: door, B: bookshelves, C: table, D: lamp
Exercise p. 27: 1. that 2. this 3. this 5. that 6. this 7. that
Exercise p. 32: this/that: window, houseplant, door, lamp; these/those: windows, houseplants, doors, lamps

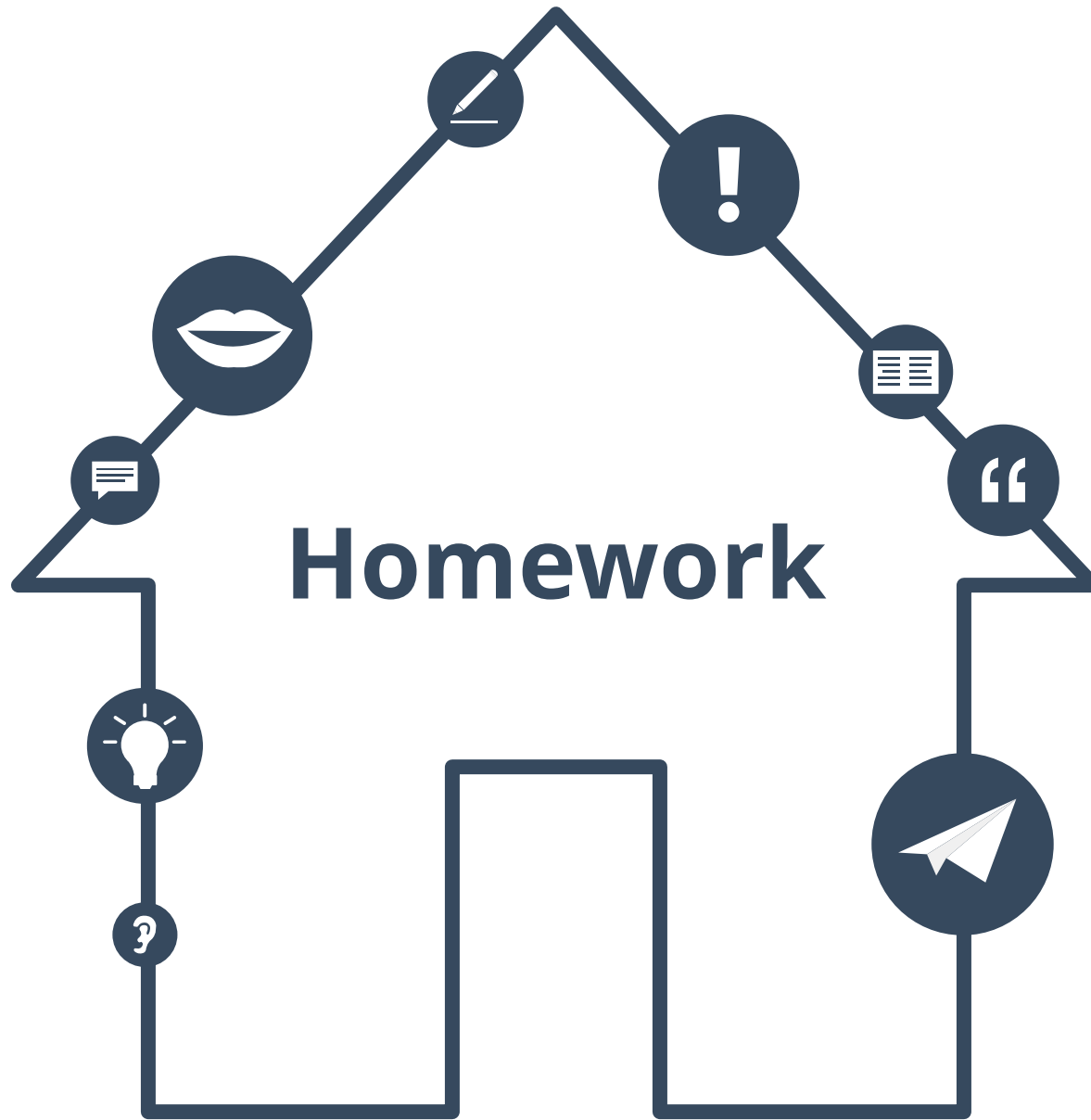


Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?



If you have time, go over
the most difficult slides again





Fill in the gaps

1. My colleagues and I are looking for a new _____.
2. I like _____ apartment because it is brighter. He likes that apartment because it is darker.
3. I like this bedroom because it has windows. He likes _____ bedroom because it has a closet.
4. I like _____ lamps because they are more traditional. He likes _____ lamps because they are more contemporary.

that
those
office
these
this



My favourite words

**Choose five words or phrases from the lesson
and write them down in your list of *My favourite words*.**

A graphic of a spiral-bound notebook page. A white sticky note with a torn bottom edge is stuck to the page, featuring the text "My favourite words". Below the sticky note, the page contains a list of lines for writing words, with the first three labeled "Word one", "Word two", and "Word three", followed by an ellipsis and more blank lines.

My favourite words

Word one

Word two

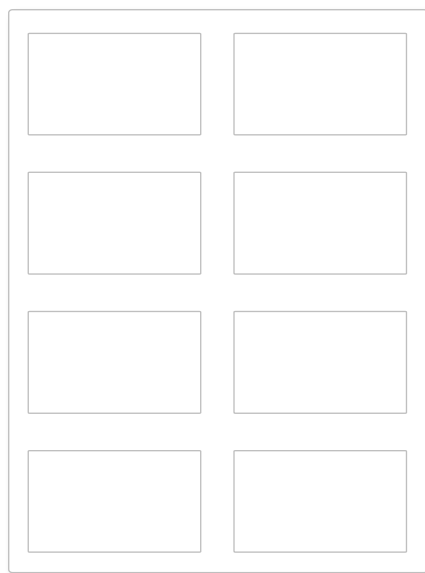
Word three

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Make flashcards

Make flashcards out of paper and copy down four words or phrases from this lesson that are hard for you.





Sentences in the third person plural

**Choose five example sentences from this lesson.
Copy them and rewrite them about
a group of people (or using the pronoun *them*).**



Examples:

I like these tables because they are bigger.

→ I like those tables because they are smaller.

I like this apartment because it has an elevator.

→ I like that apartment because it has stairs.

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Homework answer key

Ex Exercise p. 36: 1. apartment 2. this 3. that 4. these, those



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