

COMMUNICATION

# That was then, this is now!

**LEVEL**

Beginner (A1)

**NUMBER**

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**LANGUAGE**

English

## Learning outcomes

- I can form basic sentences using the determiners 'this' and 'that'.
- I can describe my home in very simple terms.



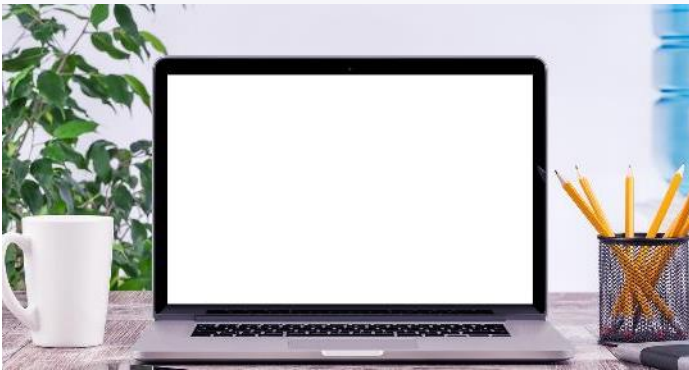
I like **these bookshelves**  
because they are more  
traditional than **those**  
**bookshelves.**





# Vocabulary

**laptop**



I use my **laptop** at home.

**desktop**



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



# Vocabulary

**window**



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

**floor**



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

**table**



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



# Sentences



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

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





# Sentences



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 room is very **dim**!

If something is **dim**, it does not give or have much light.

*That lamp gives off a **dim** light.*





# ***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.

**That** is farther.

**This** is my hand.

**That** is her hand.

**This** is mine.

**That** is yours.

I'm going to sit on **this** chair.

You can sit on **that** chair.



# *This and that*

- **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/That	Meaning
<b>This is the best day of my life!</b>	Talking about today
<b>This is my favourite park in the city.</b>	Said while having a picnic in the same park.
<b>That was a wonderful holiday!</b>	Talking about a holiday in the past.
<b>That is my brother's car.</b>	Said while pointing at a car 100 metres away.



# ***This***

**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
<b>This is my best friend, Chris.</b>	Said while introducing Chris to someone.
<b>This is my favourite song!</b>	Said when the song is playing.
<b>This is the photo I was talking about.</b>	Said while showing someone the photo.
<b>This is my bedroom.</b>	Said while in the speaker's bedroom.



# *That*

## That

**That is my best friend, Chris.**

## Meaning

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



# This or that?

In breakout rooms or together as a class, **complete** the sentences below.

1 \_\_\_\_\_ is my dog out in the garden.

2 \_\_\_\_\_ is my brother. His name is Andrew.

3 I love \_\_\_\_\_ river. I come here every day after work.

4 \_\_\_\_\_ was such a great weekend!

5 \_\_\_\_\_ is my cousin's house across the road.

# Match the sentence to the picture

1



2



3



4



a This floor is black.

b That floor is white.

c This living room has a sofa.

d That garden has a table.



# Vocabulary

**door**



This **door** is red.

**bookshelf**



This living room has  
**bookshelves** next to the  
fireplace.





# Vocabulary

**lamp**



This bedroom has two **lamps** next to the bed.

**closet**



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

**wardrobe**



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



# Sentences



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

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



These **doors** are all brown!

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





# *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 sentence to the picture

1



2



a table

b bookshelves

3



c door

d lamp

4





# Fill in the gaps

Use *this*, *that*, *these* or *those* to fill in the gaps.

1 Did you like \_\_\_\_\_ restaurant we went to the other night?

2 I love \_\_\_\_\_ chairs, they are so comfortable.

3 Who are \_\_\_\_\_ people over there?

4 I really like \_\_\_\_\_ city. I am happy here.

5 Please pass me \_\_\_\_\_ book.



# Vocabulary

**counter**



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

**houseplant**



I like this **houseplant**.



# Sentences



This **houseplant** is on the **counter**.

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



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

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







# Categorise the words

1

lamps

2

bookshelves

3

houseplant

4

sofa

5

tables

6

counter

7

wardrobes

8

closet

9

bookshelf

10

lamp

**this/that**

**these/those**



# End of the lesson

Idiom

***There's no time like the present!***

**Meaning:** it's better to do something now rather than later

**Example:** There's no time like the present to start making changes.



# Additional practice



# Fill in the gaps

My husband and I are looking for a new

\_\_\_\_\_.

I like \_\_\_\_\_ apartment because it is brighter.

He likes that apartment because it is darker.

I like this bedroom because it has windows. He likes

\_\_\_\_\_ bedroom because it has a closet.

I like \_\_\_\_\_ lamps because they are more traditional. He likes \_\_\_\_\_ lamps because they are more contemporary.



this

these

apartment

those

that



# Transform from singular to plural or plural to singular

1

I love those flowers!



I love that flower!

2

This chair is beautiful.



3

I like that film.



4

I don't like these lamps.





What do you have in your home?

counter

houseplant

bookshelves

table

lamp

closet

wardrobe

floor

window







# Do you like these objects?

● I like that table because...



● I don't like those bookshelves because...

1



2



3



4



5





# Answer key

**P.13:** 1) That, 2) This, 3) this, 4) That, 5) That

**P.14:** 1) c, 2) d, 3) a, 4) b

**P.19:** 1) b, 2) a, 3) d, 4) b

**P.20:** 1) that, 2) these/those, 3) those, 4) this, 5) that

**P.23:** this/that: houseplant, sofa, counter, closet, bookshelf, lamp – these/those: lamps, bookshelves, tables, wardrobes



# Answer key



**P.27:** 1) apartment, 2) this, 3) that, 4) these, those

**P.28:** 2) These chairs are beautiful. 3) I like those films. 4) I don't like this lamp.





# Summary

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- **This** is also used when introducing somebody, or about possession.
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## **New vocabulary for describing things in the home:**

- *laptop, desktop, window, floor, table, door, bookshelf, lamp, closet, wardrobe, counter, houseplant*



# Vocabulary

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