

Demonstrative Pronouns

A Little of This and That

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This and That

- Demonstrative pronouns are "this" and "that"
 - Still stand in for some person, place, or thing
- Points specifically to a familiar one
 - Already mentioned in the context
 - Present and visible
 - At least mentally
- As if the speaker is giving a *demonstration*
 - Pointing to an example



Near Demonstrative Pronoun: This

- Pointing to something nearby
- Familiar endings
 - Stem **τΟΥΤ-** / **ΤΑΥΤ-**
 - 1st and 2nd declension
 - Case endings
 - Connecting vowels



Near Demonstrative Pronoun: This

- Nominative forms irregular
 - Initial **τ** missing for masc. and fem.
 - Neuter ends in **-ο** instead of **-ον**

	masculine	feminine	neuter
nominative	οὗτος	αὕτη	τουτο



Personal Pronoun vs. Demonstrative

- Similar, but easily distinguished
 - Different stems: *αὐτ-* vs. *τουτ-* / *ταυτ-*
 - Demonstrative has rough breathing (remains of initial *τ-*)

	masculine	feminine	neuter
Demonstrative pronoun	οὗτος	αὕτη	τουτο
Personal pronoun	αὐτος	αὕτη	αὐτο



Definite Article as Demonstrative Pronoun

- The definite article can act like a demonstrative pronoun
 - Both point out a particular member of the class
 - Infer from context
 - An individual already under discussion
 - An individual observable at hand by the speaker

Ἡ γυνή ἡ μου μητηρ.

This woman is my mother.



Keep Learning

- You can learn more about demonstrative pronouns here:
 - Mounce, *Basics of Biblical Greek*
 - Demonstrative pronouns, 13.1-13.9 (107-109)



Mounce introduces both the near and far demonstrative pronouns together. We're just focusing on the near demonstrative pronoun for the time being.

