What is a demonstrative pronoun?

Look at this!

Look at that!

Look at these!

Look at those!
The 4 Demonstrative Pronouns
7 min

A demonstrative pronoun represents something you show. It can be near or far from you. It can be singular or plural. Here are the four demonstrative pronouns:
- this (singular, near)
- that (singular, distant)
- these (plural, near)
- those (plural, distant)

Examples:
- Could you pass me that, please?
- I got the job, this calls for a celebration!
- I like these very much.
- I prefer those.

Language Tips on “this/that/these/those”
5 min

‘this/that/these/those’ are pronouns when they are not followed by a noun. When they are followed by a noun, they are adjectives.

Examples:
- I like that shirt. (adjective)
- I like that. (pronoun)
- I want these tomatoes. (adjective)
- I want these. (pronouns)

‘these’ is pronounced ‘thiz’.
Writing Exercise
5 min

Match the 2 columns.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>1. this</th>
<th>a. singular, far</th>
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<td>2. these</td>
<td>b. singular, near</td>
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<td>3. that</td>
<td>c. plural, near</td>
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<tr>
<td>4. those</td>
<td>d. plural, far</td>
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1. _______
2. _______
3. _______
4. _______

Writing Exercise
5 min

Choose the correct demonstrative pronoun.

1. Look, right here, __________ is the document I want to show you. (this/that)
2. Look at the animals over there, have you seen __________ before? (these/those)
3. This picture was taken in 2002. Do you remember __________? (this/that)
4. Come and look at __________. (these/those)
5. I think I heard something, did you hear __________? (that/those)
Speaking Exercise with the Teacher
5 min

Look at the pictures and say a few sentences using this/that/these/those as a pronoun.

Examples:

(near)
These are pretty swimsuits.

(far)
That is the book I want to buy.
Watch the Video!
5 min

With this video lesson, you will practice demonstrative pronouns, as well as singular and plural nouns.

Watch the video:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VWRft-RsKFI

Start the video at 1:25, watch again and answer the questions:

1. Write the questions:
   a. ___________________________? This is an apple.
   b. ___________________________? These are apples.

2. Replace the underlined word using a personal pronoun:
   a. That is an apple.
   b. Those are apples.

3. Complete the sentences:
   a. _______ is for an object near me.
   b. _______ is for an object far from me.
   c. _______ is for objects near me.
   d. _______ is for objects far from me.
Quiz
10 min

True or False?

1. A demonstrative pronoun represents something you show.  
   true  false
2. A demonstrative pronoun can be singular or plural.  
   true  false
3. A demonstrative pronoun is a demonstrative adjective.  
   true  false
4. ’That’ is always a demonstrative pronoun.  
   true  false

Match the underlined demonstrative on the left to its description on the right:

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<th>1. I love this!</th>
<th>a. demonstrative pronoun, plural, far</th>
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<td>2. This plant is beautiful.</td>
<td>b. demonstrative adjective, plural, near</td>
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<td>3. These children live next door.</td>
<td>c. demonstrative adjective, singular, near</td>
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<td>4. Can you give me those, please?</td>
<td>d. demonstrative pronoun, singular, near</td>
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1. _______
2. _______
3. _______
4. _______

Complete with the correct demonstrative pronoun.

1. Hello Lynn, ________ is my friend Donna. (this/that)
2. _________ was very far from here. (this/that)
3. These paintings are more famous than _________. (those/that)
4. _________ is the letter I am looking for. (this/these)