

# This, that, these, those

## Introduction



**This** way or **that** way?

## Definition




We use **this**, **that**, **these** and **those** to indicate the people and things we are talking about.

## Construction

Singular	Plural
'this' (+ noun) <b>this</b> book	'these' (+ noun) <b>these</b> books
'that' (+ noun) <b>that</b> book	'those' (+ noun) <b>those</b> books

## Uses

Use	Example
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<p><b>To talk about near and distant people and objects.</b></p> <p><b>This</b> and <b>these</b> for close people and objects.</p> <p><b>That</b> and <b>those</b> for distant people and objects.</p>	<p><b>This is here.</b></p> 	<p><b>That is over there.</b></p>
<p><b>To talk about two (groups of) people or objects.</b></p> <p><b>This</b> and <b>these</b> for the first object(s) or person/people we mention.</p> <p><b>That</b> and <b>those</b> for the second object(s) or person/people we mention.</p>		<p>Do I take <b>this</b> road or <b>that</b> road?</p>
<p><b>Introductions</b> ['this' + 'be' + person]</p>		<p><b>This</b> is our accountant, Mr. Brown.</p>

## Examples



**This** present is for you.



**Those** are mountains in the Himalayas.



**Those** people are my colleagues.



**These** are my three daughters.



**This** is the new plan



**That** is the old factory.



Do you like **this** coat?



I prefer **that** jacket.



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