

3A a / an; singular and plural nouns

a / an

1 66 Listen and repeat. Then read the rules.

What is it?
It's **a** bag.
It's **a** key.
It's **an** umbrella.
It's **an** ID card.

- Use *an* with words beginning with a vowel (a, e, i, o, u), e.g., *an email*.
- Use *a* with words beginning with other letters, e.g., *a book, a pen*.

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What is it ? It's a book .	What are they ? They're books .
	
They're umbrellas .	They're watches .
	
They're dictionaries .	They're glasses .

- Don't use *a / an* + plural nouns, e.g., *they're books* **NOT** *they're a books*.

Spelling rules: plural nouns

Singular	Plural	Spelling
a book an umbrella	books umbrellas	add -s
a class	classes /'klæsɪz/	add -es after ch, sh, s, x
a country a dictionary	countries dictionaries	consonant + y > ies



the

Use *the* + singular or plural nouns, e.g., *the door, the windows*.
Look at **the** board.
Open **the** door.
Close **the** windows.

3A

a Complete the chart.

Singular	Plural
1 It's a pen.	<i>They're pens</i> _____.
2 _____.	They're photos. _____.
3 It's a watch.	_____.
4 _____.	They're chairs. _____.
5 It's a dictionary.	_____.
6 It's a credit card.	_____.
7 It's a city.	_____.
8 _____.	They're windows. _____.
9 It's a class.	_____.
10 It's a piece of paper.	_____.
11 _____.	They're keys. _____.
12 It's a bus.	_____.
13 It's a glove.	_____.
14 It's a cell phone.	_____.

b Write questions and answers.

What is it? _____
It's an umbrella. _____

1 _____ ?

2 _____ ?

3 _____ ?

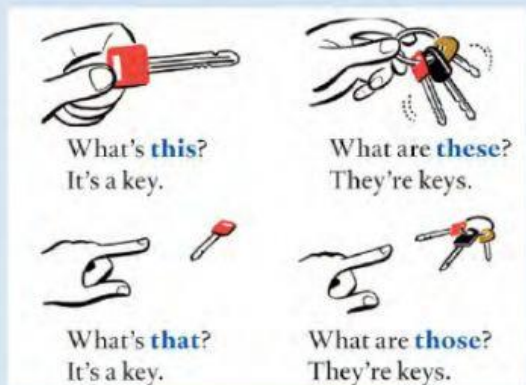
4 _____ ?

5 _____ ?



3B this / that / these / those

2 4)) Listen and repeat. Then read the rules.



- Use *this* / *these* for things near you (things here).
- Use *that* / *those* for things that aren't near you (things there or over there).
- *this* / *that* = singular, *these* / *those* = plural
- *That* is a book. **NOT** *That it is a book.*
- *These* are keys. **NOT** *These keys.*



This, that, these, those

This, that, these, and those are pronouns. They can replace *it* and *they* in sentences and questions.

It is my pen. > **This** is my pen.

They can also be adjectives, e.g., **This** book is very nice. Look at **these** photos.

3B

a Circle the correct word(s).

- Are **this** / **these** your gloves?
- This** / **Those** is a great hat!
- A What **are those** / **is this**?
B They're keychains.
- A Who **is that** / **are these**?
B My friend, Amelia.

b Complete with *is* or *are*. Use contractions where possible.

- Those _____ hats.
- A Who _____ that?
B That's my friend, Tom.
- _____ these your sunglasses?
- A What _____ this?
B It's a postcard from Wendy in Spain.
- A Those _____ cute sunglasses.
B Yes, but they're \$200.
A Oh! That _____ a lot!
- A _____ that a toy?
B No, it _____ a keychain.
- This _____ my coffee. Those _____ for Tom and Joe.
- A What _____ these?
B They _____ toys for Bobby.

c Look at the pictures. Circle the correct word(s).



Meg What is ¹**this** / **these**?

Joe ²**They're** / **It's** a keychain from Hawaii.

Meg Oh, OK.

Joe And ³**these** / **those** are sunglasses. ⁴**It's** / **They're** great!



Meg OK. Are ⁵**these** / **those** postcards?

Joe Yes, ⁶**it is** / **they are**. And ⁷**that** / **this** is a toy for Jenny.

Meg What ⁸**is that** / **are those**?

Joe ⁹**It's** / **They're** a shirt. It's for you!

Meg Oh, uh, thanks.

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