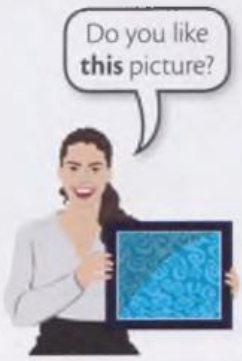
Unit 74

this/that/these/those

A

this *(singular)*



these *(plural)*

that *(singular)*

those *(plural)*

this
these

this picture
(= this picture *here*)
these flowers
(= these flowers *here*)

that
those

that picture
(= that picture *there*)
those people
(= those people *there*)

B

We use **this/that/these/those** with a noun (**this picture** / **those girls** etc.) or without a noun:

with a noun

- **This hotel** is expensive, but it's very nice.
- 'Who's **that girl**?' 'I don't know.'
- Do you like **these shoes**? I bought them last week.
- **Those apples** look nice. Can I have one?

without a noun

- **This** is a nice hotel, but it's very expensive.
- 'Excuse me, is **this** your bag?' 'Oh yes, thank you.'
- Who's **that**? (= Who is that person?)
- Which shoes do you prefer – **these** or **those**?

C

that = something that *has happened*:

- 'I'm sorry I forgot to phone you.' '**That**'s all right.'
- **That** was a really nice meal. Thank you very much.

that = what somebody *has just said*:

- 'You're a teacher, aren't you?' 'Yes, **that**'s right.'
- 'Martin has a new job.' 'Really? I didn't know **that**.'
- 'I'm going on holiday next week.' 'Oh, **that**'s nice.'

D

We use **this is** ... and **is that** ... **?** on the phone:

- Hi Sarah, **this** is David.
  (**this** = the speaker)
- Is **that** Sarah?
  (**that** = the other person)

We use **this is** ... to introduce people:

- A: Ben, **this is** Chris.
  B: Hello, Chris – nice to meet you.
  C: Hi.

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Exercises

74.1 Complete the sentences. Use **this/that/these/those** + these words:

birds **house** **plates** **postcards** **seat** ~~**shoes**~~

74.2 Write questions: **Is this/that your ... ?** or **Are these/those your ... ?**

74.3 Complete the sentences with **this is** or **that's** or **that**.

1 A: I'm sorry I'm late.
B: That's all right.

2 A: I can't come to the party tomorrow.
B: Oh, ... a pity. Why not?

3 *on the phone*
SUE: Hello, Jane. ..... Sue.
JANE: Oh, hi Sue. How are you?

4 A: You're lazy.
B: ..... not true!

5 A: Beth plays the piano very well.
B: Does she? I didn't know ..... .

6 *Mark meets Paul's sister, Helen.*
PAUL: Mark, ... my sister, Helen.
MARK: Hi, Helen.

7 A: I'm sorry I was angry yesterday.
B: ..... OK. Forget it!

8 A: You're a friend of Tom's, aren't you?
B: Yes, ... right.

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