

# This, that, these, those

## 1 Look at these examples:

*This exercise is difficult.*

*These are very expensive!*

*What is that?*

*Did you eat those sandwiches?*

## 2 Here are the singular and plural forms:

SINGULAR

this car  
that car

PLURAL

→ these cars  
→ those cars

We use this, that, these, those with nouns (e.g. painting, apple):

*I like this painting.*

*Those apples are delicious.*

We use this, that, these, those without a noun, when the meaning is clear. For example:

A student has just finished his homework, and he says to his friend:

*That was easy! (That = the homework)*

Mike meets his mother at the station. He picks up her suitcases, and he says:

*These are heavy! (These = the cases)*

## 3 We use this and these for things which are near to us, and that and those for things which are not near. Look at these pictures:



## 4 Things which are happening now are near to us in time, so we use this and these:

John (at a concert):

*Some of these songs are beautiful.*

Things which are finished are not near to us, so we use that or those:

John (after leaving the concert):

*Some of those songs were beautiful.*

## Practice

### A Put *this* or *these* in the gaps.

► I'd like to buy *this*..... book, please. How much is it?

1 Could you tell me where ..... bus goes, please?

2 ..... questions are difficult. Could you help me?

3 ..... sandwiches are mine. Yours are on the table.

4 ..... is wonderful! I love a hot bath after work.

5 Have you got some cheaper pens? ..... are very expensive.

### Put *that* or *those* in the gaps.

6 Look at ..... clouds. I'm sure it's going to rain.

7 Did you enjoy ..... film? I thought it was boring.

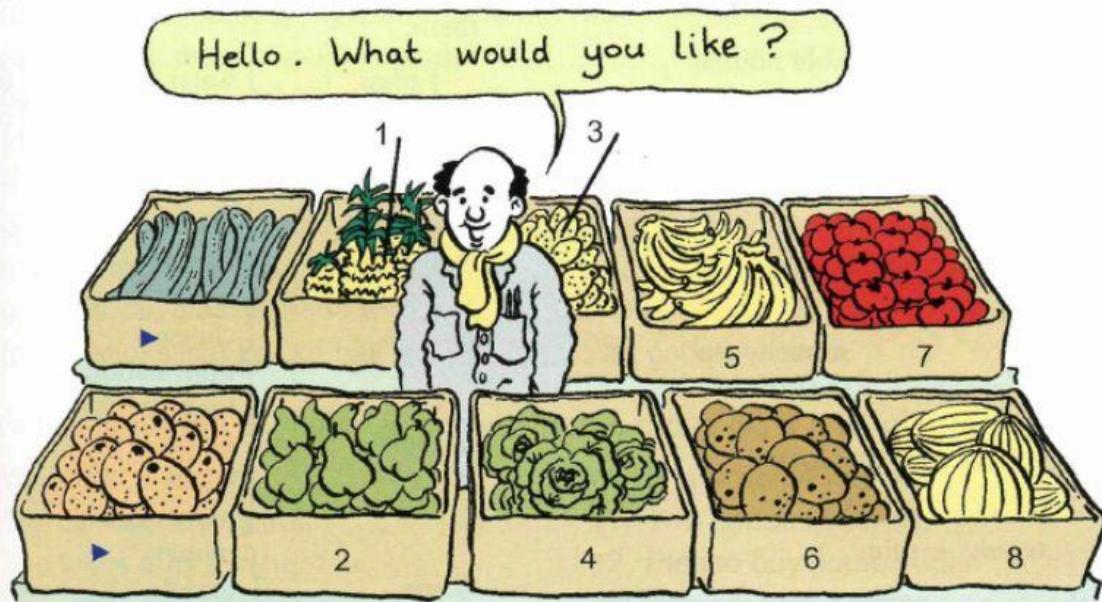
8 Let's cross the road. ..... taxi is free.

9 ..... flats are all very expensive, because they're in the centre of town.

10 ..... was beautiful! I was so hungry.

**B** Look at this picture.

You are at the greengrocer's. Ask how much the fruit and vegetables are. Use *How much ...?* and *these* or *those*.



- ▶ How much are those cucumbers?
- ▶ How much are these oranges?

1 .....  
2 .....  
3 .....  
4 .....  
5 .....  
6 .....  
7 .....  
8 .....

**C** Put *this*, *that*, *these* or *those* in the gaps in these dialogues.

Jim: It's very pleasant to sit here on (►) *this* ..... terrace in the middle of (1) ..... mountains.

Ann: Yes, and the food is good. (2) ..... grapes are delicious.

Jim: Delicious, yes, but (3) ..... one's bad. What are (4) ..... people over there eating?

Ann: Oh, (5) ..... is fondue. It's made with cheese. You see, they take one of (6) ..... little pieces of bread and then dip it in (7) ..... pot with the cheese in it.

Jim: We can try (8) ..... if we come again.

Ann: All the local restaurants serve it. So if we don't come back here, we can have it at (9) ..... little restaurant in the village.

Jim: Yes, but in the village you don't have (10) ..... wonderful view of the mountains.