

## this/that/these/those

A

this (singular)

Do you like  
this picture?

these (plural)

These flowers  
are for you.

that (singular)

Do you like  
that picture?

those (plural)

Who are  
those people?this  
thesethis picture  
(= this picture here)  
these flowers  
(= these flowers here)that  
thosethat 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:

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>This hotel</b> is expensive, but it's very nice. <input type="checkbox"/> 'Who's <b>that girl</b> ?' 'I don't know.' <input type="checkbox"/> Do you like <b>these shoes</b> ? I bought them last week. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Those apples</b> look nice. Can I have one?  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>This</b> is a nice hotel, but it's very expensive. <input type="checkbox"/> 'Excuse me, is <b>this</b> your bag?' 'Oh yes, thank you.' <input type="checkbox"/> Who's <b>that</b> ? (= Who is that person?) <input type="checkbox"/> Which shoes do you prefer – <b>these</b> or <b>those</b> ?	<div style="display: inline-block; border-left: 1px solid black; padding-left: 5px; margin-right: 10px;">with a noun</div> <div style="display: inline-block; border-left: 1px solid black; padding-left: 5px;">without a noun</div>
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**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.


# 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.