

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*.

singular and plural nouns

1 (67) Listen and repeat. Then read the rules.



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	books	add -s
an umbrella	umbrellas	
a class	classes /kla:sɪz/	add -es after <i>ch, sh, s, x</i>
a country	countries	consonant + <i>y</i> > <i>ies</i>
a dictionary	ictionaries	



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

- 1 It's a pen.
- 2 _____.
- 3 It's a watch.
- 4 _____.
- 5 It's a dictionary.
- 6 It's a credit card.
- 7 It's a city.
- 8 _____.
- 9 It's a class.
- 10 It's a piece of paper.
- 11 _____.
- 12 It's a bus.
- 13 It's a glove.
- 14 It's a cell phone.

Plural

They're pens _____.
They're photos.
_____.
They're chairs.
_____.
They're windows.
_____.
They're keys.
_____.

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.



What's **this**?
It's a key.



What are **these**?
They're keys.



What's **that**?
It's a key.



What are **those**?
They're keys.

- 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**.



here



there



over there



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).

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

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

- 1 Those ____ hats.
- 2 A Who ____ that?
B That's my friend, Tom.
- 3 ____ these your sunglasses?
- 4 A What ____ this?
B It's a postcard from Wendy in Spain.
- 5 A Those ____ cute sunglasses.
B Yes, but they're \$200.
A Oh! That ____ a lot!
- 6 A ____ that a toy?
B No, it ____ a keychain.
- 7 This ____ my coffee. Those ____ for Tom and Joe.
- 8 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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