

Demonstrative Pronouns vs Demonstrative Adjectives

The words "this", "that", "these" and "those" can either be demonstrative pronouns or demonstrative adjectives. The easiest way to determine which one is to see if there is a noun directly after it. If there is a noun directly after it, it is a demonstrative adjective.

Eg: Those flowers are beautiful. - demonstrative adjective

But: Those are beautiful. - demonstrative pronoun

Let's practise and see if you can tell the difference.

That girl ate an apple and a sandwich for lunch.

That was such an amazing idea.

These books need to be returned to the library.

Those belong to the library, too.

These will make a nice addition to the poster.

Those posters need to be put up in the assembly hall.