

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		PLURAL
this car	→	these cars
that car	→	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:

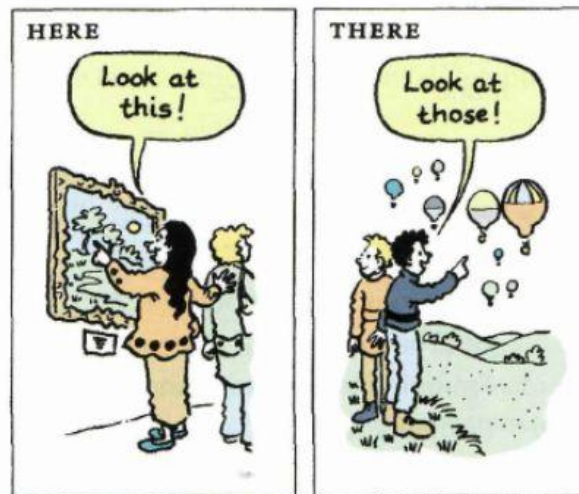
A student has just finished his homework, and he says to his friend:

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.

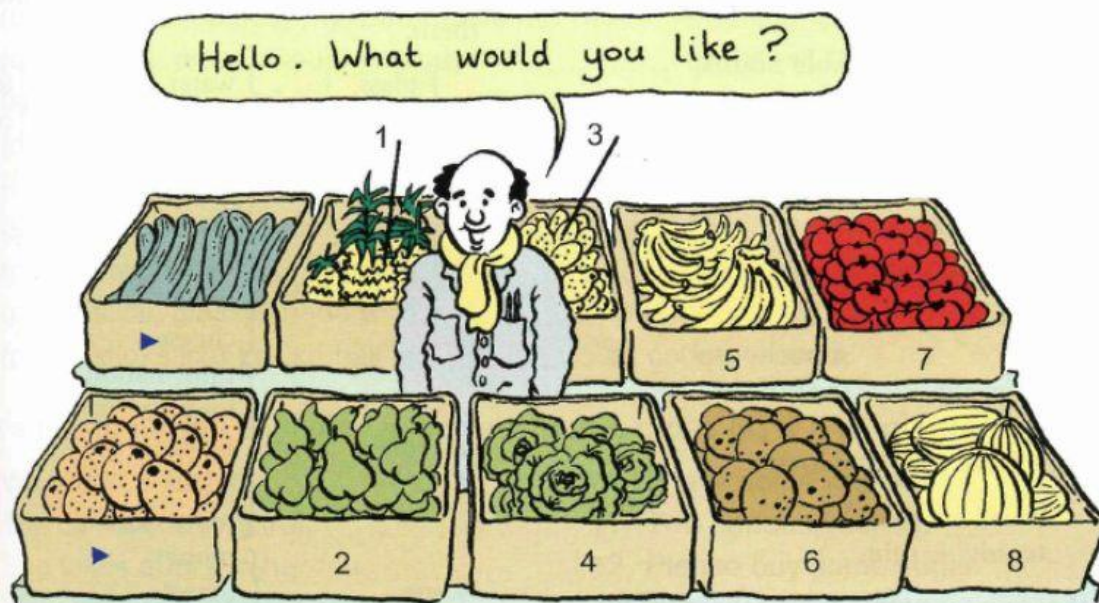
- I'd like to buy this book, please. How much is it?
- 1 Could you tell me where bus goes, please?
- 2 questions are difficult. Could you help me?
- 3 sandwiches are mine. Yours are on the table.
- 4 is wonderful! I love a hot bath after work.
- 5 Have you got some cheaper pens? are very expensive.

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.