

# This Is Mine, That Is Yours

Lesson 6 · Demonstratives · A1 · 30 minutes

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★ In this lesson you will learn to:

- Use **this / that** for one thing near or far
- Use **these / those** for many things near or far
- Make sentences with **This is... / These are...**
- Ask questions: **Is this...? Are those...?**
- Describe things in a room (rooms, furniture, objects)

## 1 Warm-Up: Near or Far? One or Many?

English has **four** small but powerful pointing words. Choose them by **distance** (near or far) and **number** (one or many).

	NEAR (here)	FAR (over there)
ONE	<p><b>this</b></p> <p><i>one thing near me</i></p>	<p><b>that</b></p> <p><i>one thing far from me</i></p>
MANY	<p><b>these</b></p> <p><i>many things near me</i></p>	<p><b>those</b></p> <p><i>many things far from me</i></p>

★ **Today's key idea:** Before you choose *this / that / these / those*, ask yourself TWO questions: **1)** Is it near or far? **2)** Is it one or many? Let's see Anna use them in her new flat!

## 2 Welcome to Anna's New Flat

Anna moved to London last week. Today she invites Marco and Yuki to see her new flat. Listen for **this, that, these, those**.

*A small, bright flat in north London. Anna opens the door.*

**Anna** Welcome! Come in, come in! **This** is my new flat!

**Marco** Wow! It's beautiful. And so bright!

**Yuki** I love it! What is **that** room over there?

**Anna** **That** is the kitchen. And **this** room is the living room. Sit down, please.

**Marco** **This** sofa is very comfortable! And **these** cushions are so soft.

**Anna** Thank you! **These** cushions are a gift from my mother.

**Yuki** Look! **Those** photos on the wall are lovely. Are **those** your parents?

**Anna** Yes, **that** is my father, and **that** is my mother. And **those** two small children are my sisters.

**Marco** Anna, is **this** your phone? It's ringing.

**Anna** Oh, thanks! Yes, **this** is my phone. And **these** are my keys — I always lose them!

**Yuki** What are **those** books on the top shelf?

**Anna** **Those** are English books. I read them every evening. And **these** little ones are Italian.

**Marco** I like **this** lamp! It's very modern.

**Anna** **This** lamp is from IKEA, of course! Come and see the bedroom — **that** door, on the right.

■ **this / these** = near me    ■ **that / those** = far from me

### 3 Home Words

20 words you can point to in any home. Use them with *this, that, these, those!*

English	Turkish	Example
<b>a flat / apartment</b>	<i>daire</i>	This is my new flat.
<b>a room</b>	<i>oda</i>	These rooms are big.
<b>a kitchen</b>	<i>mutfak</i>	That is the kitchen.
<b>a bedroom</b>	<i>yatak odası</i>	This is my bedroom.
<b>a living room</b>	<i>oturma odası</i>	This living room is sunny.
<b>a bathroom</b>	<i>banyo</i>	The bathroom is over there.
<b>a sofa</b>	<i>kanepa</i>	This sofa is comfortable.
<b>a chair</b>	<i>sandalye</i>	Those chairs are old.
<b>a table</b>	<i>masa</i>	This table is from my grandmother.
<b>a bed</b>	<i>yatak</i>	That bed is soft.
<b>a lamp</b>	<i>lamba</i>	I like this lamp.
<b>a window</b>	<i>pencere</i>	These windows are big.
<b>a door</b>	<i>kapı</i>	That door leads to the garden.
<b>a wall</b>	<i>duvar</i>	These walls are white.
<b>a shelf / shelves</b>	<i>raf / raflar</i>	Those shelves are full.
<b>a cushion</b>	<i>süs yastığı</i>	These cushions are soft.
<b>a photo</b>	<i>fotoğraf</i>	Those photos are from Italy.
<b>a key / keys</b>	<i>anahtar</i>	These are my keys.
<b>a phone</b>	<i>telefon</i>	Is this your phone?
<b>a book / books</b>	<i>kitap</i>	Those books are English.

## 4 Grammar Focus: The Four Pointing Words

Three boxes — **the 2x2 grid**, then sentence patterns, then questions.

### ▶ A. The 2 × 2 Grid

Choose the word by **distance** and **number**. That's it — only four words to learn!

Word	Meaning	Example
<b>this</b>	<b>NEAR + ONE</b> (near me, singular)	<i>This is my pen.</i> <i>I like this book.</i>
<b>that</b>	<b>FAR + ONE</b> (far from me, singular)	<i>That is the kitchen.</i> <i>Who is that man?</i>
<b>these</b>	<b>NEAR + MANY</b> (near me, plural)	<i>These are my keys.</i> <i>I love these cushions.</i>
<b>those</b>	<b>FAR + MANY</b> (far from me, plural)	<i>Those books are mine.</i> <i>Are those your parents?</i>

**! Memory trick:** "**this**" and "**these**" both start with **th-** and end with vowel sounds — they are the NEAR twins. "**that**" and "**those**" sound stronger — they are the FAR twins.

### ★ B. Making Sentences: This is... / These are...

Demonstratives go with the verb **to be**. Match the number carefully!

Pattern	Verb	Examples
<b>This / That + ...</b>	<b>IS</b>	This is a book. That is my car.
<b>These / Those + ...</b>	<b>ARE</b>	These are books. Those are my friends.
<b>+ adjective (+ noun)</b>	<b>—</b>	This is a new lamp. Those photos are old.

**X Common mistake:** Don't say "These is..." or "Those is...". With THESE and THOSE we always use **ARE**. Say: *These **are** apples. / Those **are** my keys.*

### ▶ C. Questions & Short Answers

Just swap the word order: put **is / are** first.

Question	Yes answer	No answer
<b>Is this your phone?</b>	<b>Yes, it is.</b>	<b>No, it isn't.</b>
<b>Is that your teacher?</b>	<b>Yes, it is.</b>	<b>No, it isn't.</b>
<b>Are these your keys?</b>	<b>Yes, they are.</b>	<b>No, they aren't.</b>
<b>Are those your books?</b>	<b>Yes, they are.</b>	<b>No, they aren't.</b>

★ **Pro tip:** In answers, we usually change *this/that* to **it**, and *these/those* to **they**. For example: "Is this your book?" — "Yes, **it** is." (not "Yes, this is.")

## 5 Game: This, That, These or Those?

10 sentences. Read the hint (near/far + one/many) and pick the right word!

#	Sentence	Hint	Answer
1	___ is my new flat. Come in!	<i>near · one</i>	<b>This</b>
2	Look at ___ building across the street!	<i>far · one</i>	<b>That</b>
3	___ are my favourite photos.	<i>near · many</i>	<b>These</b>
4	___ children in the park are my students.	<i>far · many</i>	<b>Those</b>
5	Is ___ your phone? It is ringing.	<i>near · one</i>	<b>this</b>
6	___ mountains look beautiful!	<i>far · many</i>	<b>Those</b>
7	I love ___ sofa. So comfortable!	<i>near · one</i>	<b>this</b>
8	Are ___ your parents in the photo?	<i>far · many</i>	<b>those</b>
9	___ is my sister, Anna.	<i>near · one person</i>	<b>This</b>
10	___ books on the shelf are very old.	<i>far · many</i>	<b>Those</b>

**! How to play in class:** Cover the Answer column with a piece of paper. Read sentence 1 and the hint, then say the word aloud before you check!

## 6 Quick Check

6 questions. Circle your answer. (Check at the end of the quiz.)

**1. Which word means ONE thing FAR from you?**

- A. this
- B. that
- C. these

**2. Which word means MANY things NEAR you?**

- A. those
- B. these
- C. this

**3. "\_\_\_ is my teacher." (pointing to a person next to you)**

- A. This
- B. That
- C. Those

**4. "Look at \_\_\_ children in the park!" (far away)**

- A. this
- B. these
- C. those

**5. Question: "Is this your pen?" — Best short answer:**

- A. Yes, this is.
- B. Yes, it is.
- C. Yes, these are.

**6. Which sentence is CORRECT?**

- A. These is my books.
- B. These are my book.
- C. These are my books.

★ Quiz Answer Key: 1. **B** · 2. **B** · 3. **A** · 4. **C** · 5. **B** · 6. **C**

## 7 Fill in the Blanks

Anna writes in her diary about moving day. Fill in **this**, **that**, **these** or **those** — use the hint!

1. \_\_\_ is my new flat. I love it! (*near · one*)  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Over there, \_\_\_ is the kitchen. (*far · one*)  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_ are my photos from Italy. (*near · many*)  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_ boxes in the corner are heavy! (*far · many*)  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. I love \_\_\_ sofa — so comfortable! (*near · one*)  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Are \_\_\_ your keys on the table? (*near · many*)  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Is \_\_\_ door on the right the bedroom? (*far · one*)  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. What are \_\_\_ books on the top shelf? (*far · many*)  
\_\_\_\_\_

### ★ Answer Key:

1. **This** · 2. **That** · 3. **These** · 4. **Those** · 5. **this** · 6. **these** · 7. **that** · 8. **those**

## 8 Your Turn: Speaking & Writing

Point at things around you. Use **this, that, these, those!**

### ► Speaking Task: Show Me Your Room

Work with a partner. One partner describes things in their room using all four demonstratives. The other listens and asks questions.

#### Example dialogue:

**A:** **This** is my desk. And **these** are my pens.

**B:** What is **that** over there?

**A:** **That** is my window. Look — **those** are the trees outside.

**B:** I love **those** trees. Are **these** your photos on the desk?

**A:** Yes, **these** are my friends from school.

#### Prompts to try:

- Point to something near you: "This is my..."
- Point to something far: "That is the..."
- Point to more than one thing close: "These are..."
- Point to more than one thing far: "Those are..."
- Ask your partner: "Is this...? Are those...?"

### ► Writing Task: My Room (5 Sentences)

Write **5 sentences** about your room. Each sentence must use one of: **this, that, these, those**. Use all four at least once!

#### Example:

**This** is my small bedroom. **That** is my wardrobe, on the right. **These** are my favourite books — I read them every night. **Those** posters on the wall are from my favourite band. I love **this** room!

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

**★ Lesson Complete!**

- ✓ I can use **this / that** for one thing (near or far)
- ✓ I can use **these / those** for many things (near or far)
- ✓ I can make sentences: **This is... / These are...**
- ✓ I can ask and answer: **Is this...? — Yes, it is.**