

Demonstrative Pronouns

- A pronoun is a word that takes the place of a proper or common noun. They make sentences shorter and easier to say.
- A demonstrative pronoun is a word that takes the place of particular objects or people. Here is a list of common demonstrative pronouns:

this that these those here there

Read the conversations below to get an idea about how demonstrative pronouns are used:

Anna: Could you give me that pencil on the table over there?

Li: Do you mean this pencil here?

Anna: Yes, that pencil.

Li: Here you are. Oh, could you give me those pens on the table over there?

Anna: These? Sure, here you are.

Felix: Is there a hammer on that table?

Marco: Yes, there is. Here it is.

Felix: Great, are there any nails?

Marco: No, there aren't.

Felix: Oh, here they are, next to me on this table.



This: The pronoun “this” is used to refer to a singular object which is near the speaker (or here).

Example: This is sweet.

In this example, the pronoun “This” takes the place of an object which is near the speaker (or here). This particular object may be a strawberry in the hand of the speaker, for example.

Example: Can I please have this?

In this example, the pronoun “This” takes the place of an object which is near the speaker (or here). The object which the word “This” takes the place of may be a toy in the hand of the speaker, for example.

Directions: Try to make your own sentence using the pronoun “This”.

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That: The pronoun “that” is used to refer to a singular object which is far from the speaker (or there).

Example: That is small.

In this example, the pronoun “That” takes the place of an object which is far from the speaker (or there). This particular object may be star in the sky, for example.

Example: Is that him?

In this example, the pronoun “that” takes the place of an object which is far from the speaker (or there). The object which the word “that” takes the place of may be a man walking across the street from the speaker, for example.

Directions: Try to make your own sentence using the pronoun “That”.



These: The pronoun “these” is used to refer to more than one object which is near the speaker (or here).

Example: These are heavy.

In this example, the pronoun “These” takes the place of objects which are near the speaker (or here). These particular objects may be 20 pound weights in hands of the speaker, for example.

Example: What are these?

In this example, the pronoun “these” takes the place of objects which are near the speaker (or here). These particular objects may be diamonds in hands of the speaker, for example.

Directions: Try to make your own sentences using the pronoun “These”.



Those: The pronoun “those” is used to refer to more than one object which is far from the speaker (or there).

Example: Those are funny.

In this example, the pronoun “Those” takes the place of an object which is far from the speaker (or there). These particular objects may be clowns in a circus, for example.

Example: I want three of those.

In this example, the pronoun “those” takes the place of more than one object which is far from the speaker (or there). The object which the word “those” takes the place of may be chocolate candies on a store shelf which is far from the speaker, for example.

Directions: Try to make your own sentence using the pronoun “Those”.



Here: The pronoun “here” is used to refer to a location near the speaker.

Example: Here are the keys.

In this example, the pronoun “Here” takes the place of a location which is near the speaker. This particular location may be on a table close to the speaker, for example.

Example: Please come here.

In this example, the pronoun “here” takes the place of location which is near the speaker. The location which the word “here” takes the place of may be on top of a hill which the speaker is standing on, for example.

Directions: Try to make your own sentence using the pronoun “Here”.

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There: The pronoun “there” is used to refer to a location far from the speaker.

Example: There is my car.

In this example, the pronoun “There” takes the place of a location which is far from the speaker. This particular location may be in the school parking lot, for example.

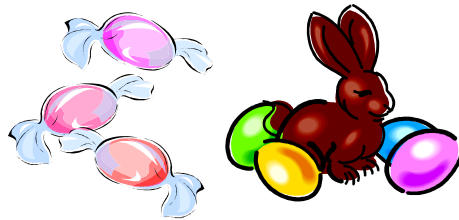
Example: I want to go there.

In this example, the pronoun “there” takes the place of location which is far from the speaker. The location which the word “there” takes the place of may be the moon, for example.

Directions: Try to make your own sentence using the pronoun “There”.

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Directions: Now try to use what you have learned about pronouns to fill in the empty spaces below.



I went to the grocery store in search of chocolate candies. After looking for awhile, I realized that _____ were no candies in the places I was looking. So, I decided to ask the manager of the store where I could find some. I approached the manager and said, “Hi. I’m looking for some candies. Can you help me?” The manager looked at me and asked, “Well, have you looked over _____?” he said, pointing to the other end of the store. “No”, I replied. “But I have looked on _____ aisles here, and I found nothing.” “Oh no!” said the man. “We don’t sell those candies on these isles _____! We sell chocolate way over _____!” The manager and I looked at each other and started walking to the opposite end of the store. Finally, we reached the candy section. “Okay”, the manager said, pointing to the candies on the shelf. “We have strawberry, chocolate, and vanilla candies. Which kind were you looking for?” Well, first I wanted some of _____,” I said, pointing to the chocolate candies far up on the top of the shelf. “But now I think I’ll try some of _____ here”, I said, and grabbed a handful of vanilla candies. “Thanks for the help” I said, and started walking out the door. “Hey!” the man yelled. “Are you going to pay for _____!?”