

Demonstrative Pronouns

The demonstrative pronouns are *this*, *that*, *these*, and *those*. Like all pronouns, they replace nouns. Demonstrative pronouns are used to replace specific people or things that have been previously mentioned (or are understood from context).

A demonstrative pronoun tells us whether it is replacing something singular or plural and whether that thing(s) is close by or farther away.

This and *That* Represent Singular Nouns

This and *that* replace singular nouns.

This represents something close by. For example:

- This is very smelly.

That represents something farther away. For example:

- You can smell that from here.

These and *Those* Represent Plural Nouns

These and *those* replace plural nouns.

These represents something close by. For example:

- These smell rotten.

Those represents something farther away. For example:

- Do not paint those.

https://www.grammar-monster.com/glossary/demonstrative_pronoun.htm



The Difference between Demonstrative Pronouns and Demonstrative Adjectives

The demonstrative adjectives are *this*, *that*, *these*, and *those* (i.e., the same words as the demonstrative pronouns). However, demonstrative adjectives modify nouns or pronouns. They cannot stand alone to play the role of a noun. For example:

- This **soup** is very smelly.
- You smell that **factory** from here.
- These **apples** smell rotten.
- Do not paint those **fences**.

Demonstrative adjectives modify nouns (shown in bold above).

