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➔ Demonstrative Adjectives and Pronouns

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A **pronoun** is a word that substitutes for a noun or nouns.

A **demonstrative pronoun** in English is a word that replaces a previously mentioned noun.

Example:

Here are two books. **This one** is in English and **that one** is in Spanish.

In English we use four demonstrative pronouns,

this (one), these

that (one), those

In English the words change according to their number, just like in Spanish.

In Spanish they also change for the gender.

Spanish demonstrative pronouns:

	<i>Sing. Masc.</i>	<i>Sing. Fem.</i>	<i>Plur. Masc.</i>	<i>Plur. Fem.</i>
<i>Items near the speaker</i>	éste	ésta	éstos	éstas
<i>Things near the person</i>				
<i>Spoken to</i>	ése	ésa	ésos	ésas
<i>Things away from speaker</i>				
<i>And person spoken to</i>	aquél	aquella	aquéllos	aquéllas

Adjectives are words that go with nouns to modify or make them more specific.

Demonstrative adjectives in English are used with a noun to point out a specific person or thing.

Example:

This book is in English and **that** book is in Spanish.

Spanish demonstrative adjectives:

	<i>Sing. Masc.</i>	<i>Sing. Fem.</i>	<i>Plur. Masc.</i>	<i>Plur. Fem.</i>
<i>Items near the speaker</i>	este	esta	estos	estas
<i>Things near the person</i>				
<i>Spoken to</i>	ese	esa	esos	esas
<i>Things away from speaker</i>				
<i>And person spoken to</i>	aquel	aquella	aquellos	aquellas

Examples:

Estas casa son grandes. These houses are big.

Ésas son pequeñas. Those are small.

Aprendemos estos pronombres. We are learning these pronouns.

No estudiamos ésos. We are not studying those.

éste	this one (singular, masculine)
ésta	this one (singular, feminine)
éstos	these ones (plural, masculine)
éestas	these ones (plural, feminine)
ése	that one (singular, masculine)
ésa	that one (singular, feminine)
esos	those ones (plural, masculine)
esas	those ones (plural, feminine)
aquéel	that one over there (singular, masculine)
aquella	that one over there (singular, feminine)
aquéellos	those ones over there (plural, masculine)
aquéellas	those ones over there (plural, feminine)
este	this (singular, masculine)
esta	this (singular, feminine)
estos	these (plural, masculine)
estas	these (plural, feminine)
ese	that (singular, masculine)
esa	that (singular, feminine)
esos	those (plural, masculine)
esas	those (plural, feminine)
aquel	that over there (singular, masculine)
aquella	that over there (singular, feminine)
aquellos	those over there (plural, masculine)
aquellas	those over there (plural, feminine)
mujeres	women
alumnas	students (feminine)
edificio	building
corbata	necktie
lección	lesson / lecture
fácil	easy
difícil	difficult
revista	magazine
feo	ugly
bonito	pretty
la mesa	the table
cuaderno	notebook

Demonstrative Adjectives

Lesson 17 Activity Sheet B

nombre _____



Study the chart below to know when to use which demonstrative adjective.

	singular masculine	singular feminine	plural masculine	plural feminine
items near the speaker (this)	este	esta	estos	estas
things near the person spoken to (that)	ese	esa	esos	esas
things away from the speaker and person spoken to (that over there)	aquel	aquella	aquellos	aquellas

Directions: Translate the demonstrative adjectives in parentheses in Spanish.

- _____ hombre (this)
- _____ casa (that over there)
- _____ oficinas (these)
- _____ señora (that)
- _____ libros (those)
- _____ escuela (this)
- _____ profesor (that over there)
- _____ días (check noun gender) (those)
- _____ clase (this)
- _____ muchacho (this)
- _____ mujeres (those)
- _____ ejercicios (these)
- _____ alumnas (those over there)
- _____ noche (this)
- _____ plumas (these)
- _____ señores (these)
- _____ escuela (that)
- _____ alumno (this)
- _____ papel (this)
- _____ señoras (those)