

Demonstrative Pronouns

A **demonstrative pronoun** points out a person, a place, a thing, or an idea. The demonstrative pronouns are *this*, *that*, *these*, and *those*.

EXAMPLES	<p>Those are the members of the choir. [<i>Those</i> points out <i>members</i>.]</p> <p>Are these the ones you wanted? [<i>These</i> points out <i>ones</i>.]</p>
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TIP Think of *demonstrative pronouns* as pronouns that point at something. Imagine pointing your finger at an object and saying, “*This* is the cereal I want,” or “*That* is the fastest horse.”

NOTE *This*, *that*, *these*, and *those* are used as adjectives as well as pronouns. When they describe nouns or pronouns, they are called **demonstrative adjectives**. When they point out and stand for nouns or pronouns, they are called **demonstrative pronouns**.

EXAMPLE	<p>Her sketch is more colorful than this. [<i>This</i> stands for and points out a specific thing, so it is a demonstrative pronoun.]</p> <p>Her sketch is more colorful than this drawing. [<i>This</i> tells which <i>drawing</i>, so it is a demonstrative adjective.]</p>
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EXERCISE A Underline the demonstrative pronoun in each of the following sentences.

Examples	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <u>Those</u> are my handmade birthday cards. [<i>Those</i> points out <i>cards</i>.]2. He said he couldn't be certain about that. [<i>That</i> points at something not named in the sentence.]
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1. These are my favorite books of all time. [Which word points out *books*?]
2. Is this a serious tale of grand adventure, or is it just a silly story? [Which word points out *tale*?]

3. You two should really take a look at these!
4. My skateboard rolls as smoothly as those used in professional competitions.
5. Of the entire football season, that was the most suspenseful game!
6. This set of math problems is a lot like those.
7. When will we finish painting that?
8. Of all of these, the third one sounds the most appealing.
9. That is the first time she's ever eaten a kiwi fruit.
10. Think of this as an opportunity to shine!

Interrogative Pronouns

An **interrogative pronoun** introduces a question. The interrogative pronouns are *who*, *whom*, *which*, *what*, and *whose*.

EXAMPLES	<p>Whose was the best book report? [<i>Whose</i> introduces a question.]</p> <p>What is the cafeteria serving for lunch? [<i>What</i> introduces a question.]</p>
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EXERCISE B Decide whether the underlined pronoun in each sentence is a demonstrative pronoun or an interrogative pronoun. Then, on the line provided, write *DEM* for *demonstrative pronoun* or *INT* for *interrogative pronoun*.

Example	<u>INT</u>	1. To <u>whom</u> did you send the e-mail about Kelly's party? [<i>Whom</i> introduces a question.]
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- _____ 11. Which of those cartoons was chosen for the front page of the school newspaper? [Does *Which* introduce a question, or does it point out something?]
- _____ 12. Is this the final game of the basketball season?
- _____ 13. The life jackets for the members of our group are those.

- _____14. What does the symbol on your ring mean?
- _____15. Whom would you elect as Student Principal for a week?

EXERCISE C For each blank in the following sentences, write an appropriate demonstrative pronoun or interrogative pronoun. Use a different pronoun for each sentence.

Example	1. From whom should we get today's assignment? [<i>Whom</i> is an interrogative pronoun that fits this sentence.]
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16. Excuse me, but how much do_____cost? [Which indefinite pronoun fits this sentence?]
17. Help me pass_____out to the rest of the club.
18. _____of the two maps is most up-to-date?
19. Of all the fossils I've found, _____is my favorite.
20. _____is the most sensible plan?

Answer Keys:

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EXERCISE B

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| 11. INT | 14. INT |
| 12. DEM | 15. INT |
| 13. DEM | |

EXERCISE C

(Answers may vary.)

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| 16. those | 19. this |
| 17. these | 20. Whose |
| 18. Which | |