

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.

EXAMPLE	<p>Those are the members of the choir. [Those points out members.]</p> <p>Are these the ones you wanted? [These points out ones.]</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. [This stands for and points out a specific thing, so it is a demonstrative pronoun.]</p> <p>Her sketch is more colorful than this drawing. [This tells which drawing, 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"> <u>Those</u> are my handmade birthday cards. [Those points out cards.] He said he couldn't be certain about that. [That points at something not named in the sentence.]
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- These are my favorite books of all time. [Which word points out books?]
- Is this a serious tale of grand adventure, or is it just a silly story? [Which word points out tale?]
- You two should really take a look at these!
- 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? [Whose introduces a question.]</p> <p>What is the cafeteria serving for lunch? [What 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 email about Kelly's party? [Whom 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? [Whom 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:

EXERCISE A

1. **These** are my favorite books of all time.
2. Is **this** a serious tale of grand adventure, or is it just a silly story?
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!

EXERCISE B

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

EXERCISE C

(Answers may vary.)

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