



Demonstratives: This, That, These, Those — A1 exercises

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A. Multiple choice

10 questions

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. ____ book in my hand is very interesting.
A) These B) Those C) That D) This
2. ____ shoes over there are on sale.
A) This B) Those C) That D) These
3. ____ are my parents, Anna and Piotr.
A) This B) That C) These D) Those
4. Look at ____ mountains in the distance.
A) these B) this C) those D) that
5. Hello, ____ is Marta speaking.
A) that B) these C) this D) those
6. Can you pass me ____ salt, please? (it is next to you)
A) these B) those C) that D) this
7. ____ biscuits I made yesterday have all gone.
A) These B) This C) That D) Them
8. Which sentence is correct?
A) This are my keys. B) This keys are mine.
C) These is my keys. D) These are my keys.
9. ____ was the best holiday of my life.
A) These B) Those C) This here D) That
10. Do you remember ____ days when we had no internet?
A) these B) those C) this D) that

B. Fill in the blank

8 questions

Write the missing word or words in the gap.

1. _____ is my new phone. Do you like it?
2. _____ are the photographs from our holiday.

3. Who lives in _____ house at the top of the hill?
4. _____ apples on the far table look better than ours.
5. Good morning, _____ is Dr Silva's surgery.
6. I bought _____ jacket in Rome last year.
7. Could you hand me _____ scissors, please? (near the listener)
8. _____ was a difficult year for everybody.

C. Sentence building

5 questions

Put the words in the correct order and write the sentence on the line.

1. is / This / favourite / restaurant. / my

Show somebody a place you love, standing outside it.

2. are / These / old / photographs. / my / school

Show a friend some pictures in your hands.

3. is / the / town / That / hall. / building

Point out a landmark on the other side of a square.

4. are / Those / flowers / beautiful.

Admire some plants at a distance.

5. this / Is / coat? / your

Ask about a garment you are holding.

Answer key

Every answer carries the reason behind it. Read the reason for the questions you got right as well — that is where you find out whether you were right for the right reason.

A. Multiple choice

1. **D) This** — One book, and it is in your hand, so it is near and singular: this.
2. **B) Those** — Shoes is plural and over there is far, so the demonstrative is those.
3. **C) These** — Two people being introduced right here are near and plural: these.
4. **C) those** — Mountains is plural and in the distance is far, so those is correct.
5. **C) this** — On the telephone English speakers identify themselves with this is, never I am.
6. **C) that** — The salt is away from the speaker and near the listener, so that is the natural choice.
7. **A) These** — Biscuits is plural, and they are close to the speaker in the conversation, so these.
8. **D) These are my keys.** — Keys is plural, so it needs these and the plural verb are.
9. **D) That** — A finished event in the past is distant in time, so English uses that.
10. **B) those** — Days is plural and the time is in the past, so those.

B. Fill in the blank

1. **This** — One object being held out to somebody is near and singular.
2. **These** — Photographs is plural and the speaker is showing them, so the near plural form is used.
3. **that** — One house at a distance takes the far singular form.
4. **Those** — Apples is plural and on the far table is distant.
5. **this** — Answering a telephone in English begins with this is.
6. **this** — This works if the speaker is wearing or holding the jacket; that if it is across the room.
7. **those** — Scissors is always plural in English, and near the listener means the far form.
8. **That** — A completed period in the past is distant in time, so the singular far form is used.

C. Sentence building

1. **This is my favourite restaurant.**
2. **These are my old school photographs.**
3. **That building is the town hall.**
4. **Those flowers are beautiful.**
5. **Is this your coat?**