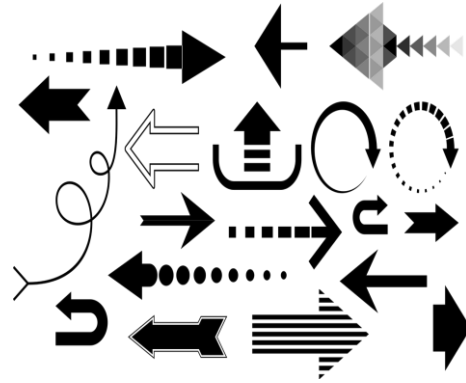


# THIS, THAT, THESE, & THOSE

## DEMONSTRATIVES

THIS	}	SINGULAR
THAT		
THESE	}	PLURAL
THOSE		



## USING DEMONSTRATIVES

**Definition:** a demonstrative shows the differences between nouns

### Two Types of Demonstratives:

1. Demonstrative Pronouns – confirm your audience understands what the demonstrative means
2. Demonstrative Adjectives – audience

### Demonstrative Pronouns

#### • DEMONSTRATIVE + VERB

- *This indicates a decrease in employment.*
- *That produced multiple positions.*
- *These identify the required resources.*
- *Those represent the groups.*

### Demonstrative Adjectives

#### • DEMONSTRATIVE + NOUN

- *This temperature change indicates a storm.*
- *That office was painted last week.*
- *These instructors provided office hours.*
- *Those chemistry labs were cancelled.*

---

## FUNCTIONS

1. To indicate distance.
  - NEAR
    - I read *this* book.
    - I read *these* books.
  - FAR
    - I read *that* book.
    - I read *those* books.
2. To identify something or someone, thus singling it out from others.
  - I need *this* book for my test.
  - *This* book is good, but *that* book is better for my test.
3. To substitute a noun.
  - *This* is the best book in the store.
  - *That* is the worst restaurant in the city.
  - *These* are the most comfortable shoes.
  - *Those* are outdated computers in the lab.

## SOURCES

May, R. G. (2023, January 1). *This, That, These, and Those*. Dr. Robert G. May Documents. Retrieved July 31, 2023, from [https://www.queensu.ca/academia/drrgmay/sites/acadmwww/files/uploaded\\_files/documents/demonstratives.pdf](https://www.queensu.ca/academia/drrgmay/sites/acadmwww/files/uploaded_files/documents/demonstratives.pdf)

University Writing Center (n.d.). *Demonstratives: This & That*. Writing & Speaking Guides. Retrieved August 1, 2023, from <https://writingcenter.tamu.edu/Students/Writing-Speaking-Guides/Alphabetical-List-of-Guides/Grammar-Mechanics/Demonstratives-This-That>

### Contact us

WRITING CENTRE

Science Room 2053

T: 709-864-3168

E: [writing@mun.ca](mailto:writing@mun.ca)

[www.mun.ca/writingcentre/](http://www.mun.ca/writingcentre/)