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A1 DETERMINERS ≈ 27 MIN

This, That, These, Those — *practice on paper*

You have built the lesson — now lock the rule in, brick by brick. New examples, same two choices: near or far, one or more.

Distance first, then **number** : near + one → this · near + more → these · far + one → that · far + more → those

NAME _____ DATE _____

YOUR BUILD 1 · SORTING ○ 2 · FILL-IN ○ 3 · CORRECT ○ 4 · WRITE ○

BRICK 1 · SORT: NEAR OR FAR? · APPROX. 4 MIN ●○○

Read each phrase. Near the speaker → write it with **this/these** in the left column. Farther away → write it with **that/those** in the right column. Careful: check the number too — one or more than one?

the agenda under my arm · the clock on the far wall · two colleagues standing beside me · the boxes stacked by the lift · the email open on my screen · the meeting room on the top floor · the notes spread out in front of me · the cars in the visitor car park · the pen between my fingers · the manager waving by the door

NEAR: THIS / THESE	FAR: THAT / THOSE

BRICK 2 · FILL IN THIS, THAT, THESE OR THOSE · APPROX. 6 MIN ●●○

Fill in **this**, **that**, **these** or **those**. Ask yourself first: near or far? Then: one or more than one? The noun and the verb show you the number.

01 I am holding the signed contract. _____ contract just arrived from the client.

02 The two invoices on my desk are urgent. _____ invoices must go out today.

03 The printer at the far end of the corridor is broken again. _____ printer never works on Mondays.

04 The visitors are waiting at the reception desk. _____ visitors have an appointment with Ms. Grant.

05 You call a client and say: "Good morning, _____ is Lena Hoffmann from sales."

06 The new laptops in front of us just arrived. _____ laptops are for the marketing team.

07 The office building across the street belongs to us. _____ building houses our archive.

08 The trucks by the loading dock over there are late. _____ trucks carry our new stock.

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BRICK 3 · FIND AND CORRECT THE MISTAKE · APPROX. 7 MIN

Each sentence hides exactly one mistake with **this/that/these/those**. Underline it and write the whole sentence correctly.

01 This leaflets on the table in front of me are outdated.

02 Those email on the far computer is from the client.

03 Please look at the this agenda before we start.

04 These offices on the second floor are much quieter than ours.

05 That folders here beside me contain the contracts.

06 This are the new price lists for our customers.

BRICK 4 · WRITE YOUR OWN SENTENCES · APPROX. 8 MIN

Write one sentence for each prompt. For every pointing word, check: distance first, then number — and whether the noun and the verb agree.

01 Your desk: "This … on my desk is …" — describe one thing right in front of you.

02 Your team: "These … beside me are …" — describe several people or things near you.

03 Across the office: "That … over there is …" — describe one thing farther away.

04 The other side of the room: "Those … over there are …" — describe several things farther away.

MINI-CHECK – CAN I DO THIS YET?

- [ ] I ask about distance first (near or far), then about number (one or more than one).
- [ ] I use this and these for nearby things, that and those for things farther away.
- [ ] I watch the number: this/that + singular, these/those + plural — "these messages", not "this messages".
- [ ] I introduce people with "This is …" and identify myself on the phone with "This is …".

Not every box ticked? Build the lesson once more and try this sheet again tomorrow.

Answer key

Check only when you have finished. Every answer comes with the **why** — the rule matters more than the result.

BRICK 1 · SORTING

01 **this** agenda
Under your arm — near and singular.

02 **that** clock
On the far wall — far, singular.

03 **these** colleagues
Beside you — near, and "colleagues" is plural.

04 **those** boxes
By the lift, away from you — far, plural.

05 **this** email
On your screen — near, singular.

06 **that** meeting room
On the top floor — far, singular.

07 **these** notes
Right in front of you — near, plural.

08 **those** cars
In the visitor car park — far, plural.

09 **this** pen
Between your fingers — near, singular.

10 **that** manager
By the door, farther away — far, singular.

BRICK 2 · FILL-IN

01 **This** contract
You are holding it — near, singular.

02 **These** invoices
On your desk — near, plural.

03 **That** printer
At the far end of the corridor — far, singular.

04 **Those** visitors
At reception, away from you — far, plural.

05 **this** is Lena Hoffmann from sales
On the phone you identify yourself with "this is …".

06 **These** laptops
Right in front of you — near, plural.

07 **That** building
Across the street — far, singular.

08 **Those** trucks
By the loading dock, farther away — far, plural.

BRICK 3 · CORRECT

01 **These** leaflets on the table in front of me are outdated.
"Leaflets" is plural — near and more than one → these.

02 **That** email on the far computer is from the client.
"Email" is singular — far and one → that.

03 Please look at **this** agenda before we start.
Articles and demonstratives do not stack — drop "the".

04 **Those** offices on the second floor are much quieter than ours.
On the second floor — far, plural → those.

05 **These** folders here beside me contain the contracts.
Beside you — near, and "folders" is plural → these.

06 **These** are the new price lists for our customers.
"Price lists" is plural — "this are" does not fit; these are.

BRICK 4 · WRITE

Your sentences may differ — just check that your pointing word matches distance and number and that the noun and verb agree.

01 "**This** laptop on my desk is brand new."
One thing right in front of you — near, singular → this + is.

02 "**These** headphones beside me are for the call."
Several things beside you — near, plural → these + are.

03 "**That** canteen over there is always busy at noon."
One thing farther away — far, singular → that + is.

04 "**Those** boxes over there are for the office move."
Several things in the distance — far, plural → those + are.

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