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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

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01 This leaflets on the table in front of me are outdated.

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

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03 Please look at the this agenda before we start.

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

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05 That folders here beside me contain the contracts.

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06 This are the new price lists for our customers.

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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.

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

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

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

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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

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| 01 this agenda
<i>Under your arm — near and singular.</i> | 06 that meeting room
<i>On the top floor — far, singular.</i> |
| 02 that clock
<i>On the far wall — far, singular.</i> | 07 these notes
<i>Right in front of you — near, plural.</i> |
| 03 these colleagues
<i>Beside you — near, and "colleagues" is plural.</i> | 08 those cars
<i>In the visitor car park — far, plural.</i> |
| 04 those boxes
<i>By the lift, away from you — far, plural.</i> | 09 this pen
<i>Between your fingers — near, singular.</i> |
| 05 this email
<i>On your screen — near, singular.</i> | 10 that manager
<i>By the door, farther away — far, singular.</i> |

BRICK 2 · FILL-IN

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| 01 This contract
<i>You are holding it — near, singular.</i> | 05 this is Lena Hoffmann from sales
<i>On the phone you identify yourself with "this is ...".</i> |
| 02 These invoices
<i>On your desk — near, plural.</i> | 06 These laptops
<i>Right in front of you — near, plural.</i> |
| 03 That printer
<i>At the far end of the corridor — far, singular.</i> | 07 That building
<i>Across the street — far, singular.</i> |
| 04 Those visitors
<i>At reception, away from you — far, plural.</i> | 08 Those trucks
<i>By the loading dock, farther away — far, plural.</i> |

BRICK 3 · CORRECT

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| 01 These leaflets on the table in front of me are outdated.
<i>"Leaflets" is plural — near and more than one → these.</i> | 04 Those offices on the second floor are much quieter than ours.
<i>On the second floor — far, plural → those.</i> |
| 02 That email on the far computer is from the client.
<i>"Email" is singular — far and one → that.</i> | 05 These folders here beside me contain the contracts.
<i>Beside you — near, and "folders" is plural → these.</i> |
| 03 Please look at this agenda before we start.
<i>Articles and demonstratives do not stack — drop "the".</i> | 06 These are the new price lists for our customers.
<i>"Price lists" is plural — "this are" does not fit; these are.</i> |

BRICK 4 · WRITE

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

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| 01 "This laptop on my desk is brand new."
<i>One thing right in front of you — near, singular → this + is.</i> | 03 "That canteen over there is always busy at noon."
<i>One thing farther away — far, singular → that + is.</i> |
| 02 "These headphones beside me are for the call."
<i>Several things beside you — near, plural → these + are.</i> | 04 "Those boxes over there are for the office move."
<i>Several things in the distance — far, plural → those + are.</i> |

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