DEMONSTRATIVE ADJECTIVES: THIS, THAT, THESE, AND THOSE – GET THEM RIGHT

Adjetivos Demostrativos / Demonstrative Adjectives

They indicate a person, animal or thing, indicating the distance it maintains regarding the speaker.

When Something is Near

Cerca (Near)	Singular	Plural
Femenino	Esta (This)	Estas (These)
Masculino	Este (This)	Estos (These)

Examples:

- Me gusta **esta** camisa. / I like **this** shirt.
- Quiero comprar **estas** botas / I want to buy **these** boots.
- **Este** día es maravilloso. / **This** day is wonderful.
- **Estos** zapatos están en oferta. / **These** shoes are on sale.

When Something is Far

Lejos (Far)	Singular	Plural
Femenino	Esa / Aquella (That)	Esas / Aquellas (Those)
Masculino	Ese/ Aquel (That)	Esos (Those) Aquellos

Examples:

- Me gusta **esa/aquella** camisa. / I like **that** shirt.
- Quiero comprar **esas/aquellas** botas. / I want to buy **those** boots.

- No entiendo **ese** ejercicio. / I don't understand **that** exercise.
- **Ese/Aquel** hombre me está viendo. / **That** man is looking at me.
- **Esos/Aquellos** perros están bravos. / **Those** dogs are angry
- **Aquellos/Esos** niños están jugando. / **Those** children are playing.

Pronombres Demostrativos / Demonstrative Pronouns

Demonstratives "this" and "that" are not used with nouns; they are used alone, replacing them. They have the function of a neuter pronoun.

Esto/This (Near)

It is used to refer to "something indefinite **that is near**".

Examples:

- ¿De quién es **esto?** (**esto** = esta cosa que está aquí). / Whose is **this?** (this = this thing here).
- ¡Voy a tirar todo **esto** a la basura! (**todo esto** = todas estas cosas que están aquí). / I'm going to throw all **this** stuff in the trash! (all this = all these things that are here).

Eso/That (Far)

It is used to refer to "something indefinite that is **far away**".

Examples:

- ¿De quién es **eso?** (**eso** = eso que está allí). / Whose is **that?** (that = that thing over there).
- ¡Voy a tirar todo **eso** a la basura! (**todo eso** = todo eso que está allí). / I'm going to throw all **that** in the trash. (all that = all that's there).

(It is also used to talk about "a situation").

- **Eso** no me gusta nada. (**eso** = esta situación). / I don't like **that** at all. (that = that situation).
- Todo **eso** es muy complicado. (**todo eso** = toda esa situación). / All **that** is very complicated. (all that = all that situation).