

Demonstratives This, that, these, those اسماء الاشارة

1. What are Demonstrative Pronouns?

We use "this," "that," "these," and "those" to refer to things, people, or ideas.

- **This/These:** Used for things that are **close** to us.
- **That/Those:** Used for things **far** away from us.

2. Singular vs. Plural

- **This:** Singular (one thing) near you.
 - Example: *This book is interesting.*
- **These:** Plural (more than one thing) near you.
 - Example: *These books are heavy.*
- **That:** Singular (one thing) far from you.
 - Example: *That car is expensive.*
- **Those:** Plural (more than one thing) far from you.
 - Example: *Those flowers are beautiful.*

3. Examples

- **Close:**
 - *What do you think about this dress for Amina?*
 - *What about these shoes?*
- **Far:**
 - *What about that dress over there?*
 - *Look at those birds flying away.*

4. Time Reference

We can also use **this** and **that** to talk about time:

- **This**: Refers to something happening **now** or very recently.
 - Example: *This is a good film (we're watching it now).*
- **That**: Refers to something that happened **in the past**.
 - Example: *That was a great concert (it happened earlier).*

5. Using Demonstratives Without Nouns

Sometimes, we use **this**, **that**, **these**, and **those** without repeating the noun (as pronouns):

- What do you think about these for Uncle Bob? (pointing to trousers)
- I've never seen Uncle Bob in trousers like those. (we don't need to repeat 'trousers')

6. General Use

- **This** and **that** can refer to ideas or actions, not just objects:
 - *That's right.* (refers to everything someone just said)
 - *This is work, you know!* (refers to the things I'm doing)
 - *That was amazing!* (refers to something that happened earlier)