

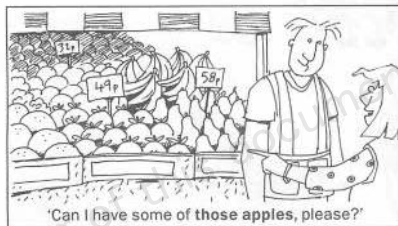
1 With singular nouns you use *this* to talk about something near you, and *that* to talk about something further away:

This water tastes strange. That building is 200 years old.



2 With plural nouns, you use *these* to talk about objects near you, and *those* to talk about things further away:

I don't like these shoes much. These chocolates are very nice!



3 You use *this* with *morning*, *afternoon*, *evening* (but not *night*), *week*, *month*, *year* and *century* to talk about the present time, and *that* to talk about the past:

Are you busy this evening? We could go out.
I'm afraid the doctor can't see you this week.
Is next week OK?

4 You use the expression *these days* to talk about the present time in general, and *in those days* to talk about a past period:

It's difficult to find good quality products these days.
These days every office has a fax, a photocopier and its own computer.



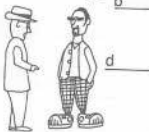
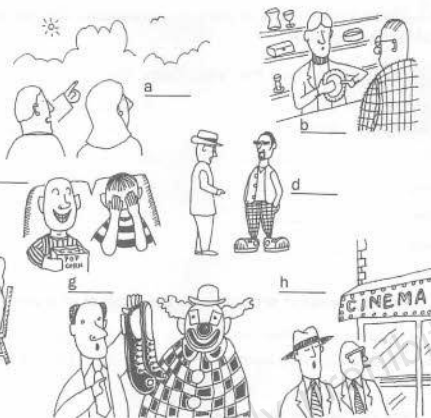
My parents were born before the War.
In those days people had quite big families.

5 Numbers and adjectives come after *this*, *that*, *these* and *those* and before the noun:

I bought these two books second hand for just £1. My mother doesn't like these plastic cups.
How much are those new CD players?

A Match the sentences to the pictures:

- 1 How much is this plate, please?
- 2 Can you pass me that plate, please, Tom?
- 3 This bird is called 'Geronimo'. It's an owl.
- 4 What is that bird over there? Is it an owl?
- 5 Excuse me, are these shoes yours?
- 6 Excuse me, where did you buy those shoes?
- 7 I saw that film last week.
- 8 This film is great, isn't it?



B Complete the sentences with *this, that, these* or *those*:

- 1 He's so busy that I don't see much of him _____ days.
- 2 We haven't got enough money to go on holiday _____ year.
- 3 What's the name of _____ man we met _____ morning?
- 4 Have you been in _____ new supermarket in the centre?
- 5 The price of petrol _____ days is incredible!
- 6 Who are _____ people over there?
- 7 Listen! Do you know _____ song?
- 8 _____ exercise is very easy!



- 9 When I was a child, I played a lot of sport.
In _____ days I was very active.

C Change the sentences following the model and making any necessary changes:

e.g. This is my favourite hat *This hat is my favourite.*

- 1 This is my mother's favourite song. _____
- 2 That was a terrible joke! _____
- 3 This is a delicious cake. _____
- 4 These are comfortable shoes. _____
- 5 That is a fashionable colour. _____
- 6 Those are my best trousers. _____
- 7 These are very popular books. _____
- 8 That was a great party. _____
- 9 Those are beautiful paintings. _____