

This, that, these, those, one, ones

1 You use this (singular) and these (plural):

a to introduce or identify people: Mary, this is John.

These are my neighbours, Mr and Mrs Baxter.

b to talk about people or things near you:

This is really good coffee.

These are the books I bought from Jane.

c to start a conversation on the phone:

Hello. This is Sally; can I speak to Jane, please? Tom, this is Barbara. How are you?

You use that (singular) and those (plural):

a to talk about people or things not so near you:

This is my house, and that is John's over there.

Is that a bird or a plane up there?

b to check the identity of someone you cannot see: Is that you, David? Hi, is that Sally?



This is the BBC World Service ...

3 You use this, that, these and those to reply to something someone has said. That is most common:

'Coffee?' 'That's a good idea.'

'Is that the London train?' 'Yes, that's right.'

"I've got a new job in the city." 'That's fantastic!"

4 You use one (singular) and ones (plural) to avoid repeating a noun:

a after an adjective:

My car is the blue one. (= the blue car)
Your question is a difficult one. (= a difficult question)

b after 'the':

Our house is the one in the middle. She gave me a lot of books. The ones I really enjoyed were love stories. (= the books I enjoyed)

c after 'which' in questions:

We've got lots of tapes. Which one do you want to listen to?



25 Practice

A Rewrite these sentences using one/ones to avoid repetition:

- 1 I love cakes, especially the cakes my mother makes!
- 2 Our car is the black car at the end of the road.
- 3 I'm not sure if I need a big bottle or a small bottle.
- 4 He lost his umbrella, so he wants to buy a new umbrella.
- 5 The hotel is a modern hotel on the coast.
- 6 The books I bought are the books on the table.
- 7 I always have two pens with me, a blue pen and a red pen.



8 Is this museum the museum you were talking about?

lacksquare Match the questions and answers:

- 1 'Would you like a coffee?'
- 2 'Which gloves are yours?'
- 3 'Which shirt should I wear to the party?'
- 4 'Have you seen my new photos?'
- 5 'Can I borrow a book?'

'The brown ones on the desk.'

'Sure. Which one?

'Thanks, I'd love one.'

'Your new cotton one.'
'The ones of Spain? Yes.'

Complete the short dialogues with these sentences:

That's a lot. That's all right. That's why you're tired. That's great.

- 1 a I'm sorry I broke your cup.
- .
- 2 a These boots cost £90.
 - b ___

- 3 a We're getting married!
- 4 a We danced all night.
 - h
- D Complete the dialogue using this, that, these or those:
- 1 a Bill, ______is Wolfgang.
 - b Oh! Are you German?
 - a Yes, _____'s right.

- 3 a ls ______Jane?
 - b Yes, speaking, Who's _____
 - a _____isTom from next door.





- 2 a I'm going to Greece on holiday.
 - b _____'s nice.

- 4 a Where are my shoes?
 - b Are ______ yours over there?