

this/that/these/those

A

this (singular)

Do you like
this picture?this
these

these (plural)

These flowers
are for you.this picture
(= this picture here)
these flowers
(= these flowers here)

that (singular)

Do you like
that picture?that
those

those (plural)

Who are
those people?that picture
(= that picture there)
those people
(= those people there)

B

We use **this/that/these/those** with a noun (**this picture / those girls**, etc.) or without a noun:

- This hotel** is expensive, but it's very nice.
- "Who's **that girl**?" "I don't know."
- Do you like **these shoes**? I bought them last week.
- Those apples** look nice. Can I have one?
- This** is a nice hotel, but it's very expensive.
- "Excuse me, is **this** your bag?" "Oh yes, thank you."
- Who's **that**? (= Who is that person?)
- Which shoes do you like better – **these** or **those**?

with a noun

without a noun

C

that = something that *has happened*:

- "I'm sorry I forgot to call you." "**That**'s all right."
- That** was a really nice meal. Thank you very much.

that = what somebody *has just said*:

- "You're a teacher, aren't you?" "Yes, **that**'s right."
- "Mark has a new job." "He does? I didn't know **that**."
- "I'm going on vacation next week." "Oh, **that**'s nice."

D

We use **this is ...** and **is this ... ?** on the telephone:

- Hi Sarah, **this is** David.
(**this** = the speaker)
- Is this** Sarah?
(**this** = the other person)

We use **this is ...** to introduce people:

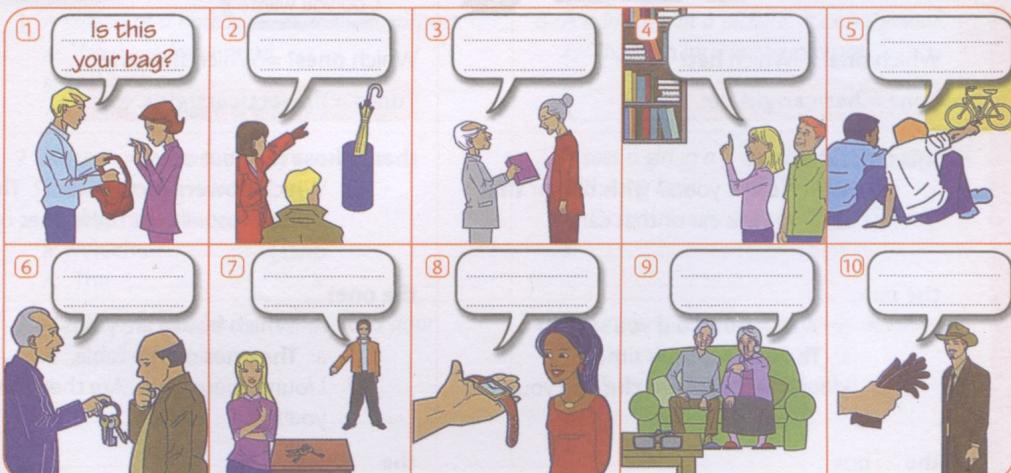
- A: Bill, **this is** Chris.
- B: Hello, Chris. Nice to meet you.
- C: Hi.



Exercises

72.1 Complete the sentences. Use **this/that/these/those** + these words:

birds dishes house postcards seat -shoes

72.2 Write questions: **Is this/that your ...?** or **Are these/those your ...?**72.3 Complete the sentences with **this is** or **that's** or **that**.

1 A: I'm sorry I'm late.
B: **That's** all right.

2 A: I can't come to the party tomorrow.
B: Oh, too bad. Why not?

3 (on the phone)
SUE: Hello, Jane. Sue.
JANE: Oh, hi Sue. How are you?

4 A: You're lazy.
B: not true!

5 A: Beth plays the piano very well.
B: Does she? I didn't know

6 **Mark meets Paul's sister, Helen.**
PAUL: Mark, my sister, Helen.
MARK: Hi, Helen.

7 A: I'm sorry I was angry yesterday.
B: OK. Forget it!

8 A: You're a friend of Tom's, aren't you?
B: Yes, right.