

This, That, These, and Those

The adjectives *this*, *that*, *these*, and *those* tell which one or which ones.

This and *that* modify singular nouns.

Example: This shirt I have on is like that one in the store window.

These and *those* modify plural nouns.

Example: These pencils just fit in the pocket, but those pens on the desk did not fit.

This and *these* refer to objects that are close by.

That and *those* refer to objects farther away.

Example: This article is about NASA. That one is about new computers.

IMPORTANT: Do not use *here* or *there* after *this*, *that*, *these*, or *those*.

No: This here article is about NASA.
That there one is about new computers.

Yes: This article is about NASA. That one is about new computers.

IMPORTANT: Do not use *them* in place of *these* or *those*.

No: She wrote them articles for *Newsweek*.

Yes: She wrote those articles for *Newsweek*.