

Lesson Plan: "This, that, these, those"

Level	Beginner (A1)
Time	45–60 minutes
Skills	Grammar, vocabulary, speaking
Focus	Demonstrative pronouns and adjectives — proximity and distance

OBJECTIVES

By the end of the lesson, students will be able to:

- Use this and that to refer to singular nouns (near vs. far)
- Use these and those to refer to plural nouns (near vs. far)
- Use demonstratives both as adjectives (before nouns) and pronouns (alone)
- Produce natural sentences and questions using all four demonstratives

TARGET LANGUAGE (EXAMPLES)

Singular

- this (near): This is my phone.
- that (far): What is that building over there?

Plural

- these (near): Are these your keys?
- those (far): Who are those people?

As pronouns

- This is my favourite café.
- That looks delicious!
- These are the best shoes I've ever had.
- I don't understand those.

On the phone

- Hello, this is Maria. / Is that you, Tom?

LESSON PROCEDURE

1. Warm-up (5 min)

Task: Hold up objects near and far. Drill: 'What's this?' / 'What's that?'

- Include plural groups: 'What are these?' / 'What are those?'

2. Presentation (10 min)

Task: Four-box grid: this/that/these/those with near/far, singular/plural.

- Show demonstratives before nouns AND standing alone as pronouns.
- Phone introduction: 'This is...' — cultural point.

3. Guided practice (10 min)

Task: Complete with the correct demonstrative.

- 'Look at ___ stars! (far, plural)' → those
- 'Is ___ your bag? (near, singular)' → this

4. Classroom task (15 min)

Task: Students describe the classroom using all four demonstratives.

- 'These books are on my desk. Those chairs are near the window.'
- Challenge: use one demonstrative as a pronoun.

5. Role play (5–10 min)

Task: Shopping scenario: customer asks about items near and far from them.

- 'How much is this? / How much are those?'

EXTENSION / HOMEWORK

Choose one:

1. Write 8 sentences describing your bedroom using this, that, these, those.
2. Write a short dialogue in a shop using all four demonstratives.
3. Describe a photo from a magazine or website using demonstratives.