

Demonstrative adjectives and pronouns

Adjetivos Demostrativos

- ◉ Demonstrative adjectives point out persons, places or things.
- ◉ They mean the same as the English *This*, *These*, *That* and *Those*.
- ◉ Demonstrative adjectives agree in both gender and number with the nouns they modify

⦿ There are three types of demonstrative adjectives:

⦿ 1. Este/Esta
> *This*

Estos/Estas
these

⦿ 2. Ese/Esa
> *That*

Esos/Esas
those

⦿ 3. Aquel /Aquella
> *That over there*

Aquellos/Aquellas
Those over there

⦿ **Este/Estos is used with objects close to the speaker.**

- > Este es mi amigo. Vive en Victoria.
- > *This is my friend. He lives in Victoria.*

⦿ **Ese/esos is used with objects close to the listener.**

- > Necesito ese libro cuando terminas.
- > *I need that book when you finish*

⦿ **Aquel/aquellos is used with objects far from both the speaker and listener.**

- > ¿Tienes hambre? Deseo comer en aquel restaurante.
- > *Are you hungry? I you want to eat in that restaurant.*

Demonstrative Pronouns

- ◉ Unlike demonstrative adjectives which come before a noun, demonstrative pronouns replace nouns.
- ◉ Demonstrative pronouns are used when the noun has already been mentioned and is referred to a second time.
- ◉ It is the equivalent to “this one” or “that one” in English.

- Formas de los pronombres demostrativos

Éste/ésta	Éstos/éstas
This one	These ones

Ése/ésa	Ésos/Ésas
That one	Those ones

Aquél/Aquélla	Aquéllos/Aquéllas
That one	Those ones

- Este vino es bueno, pero ése es malo.
- *This wine is good, but that one is bad.*
- Esta novela que leo es mejor que ésa que lees.
- *This novel I'm reading is better than that one you're reading.*
- Estos muchachos no saben lo que hacen. Aquéllos, sí.
- *These guys don't know what they're doing, those ones do.*

- ◉ Each demonstrative pronoun has a neutral form, used when the object in question is unknown. (Esto, Eso, Aquello)

- ◉ ¿Qué es eso?

- ◉ Es mi almuerzo.

- ◉ ¿Entiendes esto?

- ◉ No, nada.

Práctica ¿Cómo se dice en español?

- Those girls over there are good-looking. Those are my sisters.
- That Octavio Paz book is very interesting.
- These tickets (boletos) are for the concert, those ones are for the cinema.
- ¿Do you understand this, it's italian?