

Gramática

Demonstrative Adjectives (Ch.3a2). Unlike most adjectives, demonstrative adjectives are used *before* the nouns that they modify, and *like* most adjectives, they will inflect based on singular/plural and masculine/feminine.



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Demonstratives

Singular		Plural	
<i>this</i>	este sombrero esta tienda	<i>these</i>	estos sombreros estas tiendas
<i>that</i>	ese sombrero esa tienda	<i>those</i>	esos sombreros esas tiendas
<i>that (in the distance)</i>	aquel sombrero aquella tienda	<i>those (in the distance)</i>	aquellos sombreros aquellas tiendas

Examples:

Este sombrero es grande. (*This hat is big*).

Estas tiendas son bonitas. (*These stores are beautiful*).

Ese sombrero es bueno. (*That hat is good*).

Esas tiendas son baratas. (*Those stores are cheap*).

Aquella tienda es limpia. (*That [in the distance] store is clean*).

Aquellos sombreros son caros. (*Those hats are expensive*).

Demonstrative pronouns--These are used to point to people, places, and things when

Me gusta este carro; **éste** es el carro que necesito.
(*I like this car; this one is the car that I need.*)

the noun is not included (keep in mind that pronouns replace nouns) and used in the same way as their adjective versions, except that they will carry an accent mark on the stressed syllable. When demonstrative pronouns are used, in English we are saying *this one, these ones, that one, and those ones*.

Me gusta ese carro; **ése** es el carro que necesito. (*I like that car; that one is the car that I need.*)

Me gusta aquel carro; **aqué**l es el carro que necesito. (*I like that car in the distance; that one in the distance is the car I need.*)

When a noun is unidentified the neuter **esto**, **eso**, and **aquello** are used. (This neuter form is used because the speaker does not know if the noun is masculine or feminine).

¿Qué es **esto**?-What is this?

¿Qué es **eso**?-What is that?

¿Qué es **aquello**?-What is that in the distance?

Actividad

Too Many Choices (Ch.3a2.1). Julia is taking you out to lunch. Julia is trying to decide what she wants to eat. Fill in the blanks with the correct demonstrative adjective terms according to Julia's perspective.



La sopa y la pasta parecen (*seem*) deliciosas, pero en _____ platos hay mucha comida. _____ plato con el huevo es bonito. También me gusta _____ plato con el pan. Sin embargo (*nevertheless*) _____ sopa roja parece increíble. Deseo comprar _____ huevo porque los huevos son mis favoritos. ¿Qué deseas tú?

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