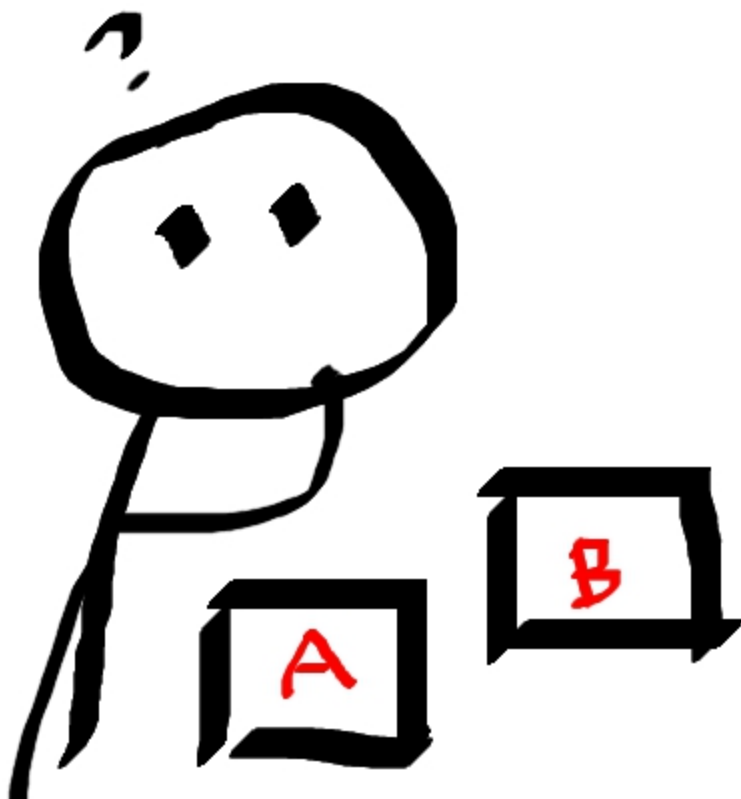


## 1.7 - Unchanging *to* vs. Demonstrative *ten, ta, to*



In the previous section, we learned the forms *ten, ta, to* as the masculine, feminine, and neuter forms of the demonstrative. Whenever you are saying *that professor is...* or *that chair is...*, you will use the forms *ten, ta, to* which match the gender of the noun that follows.

*Ten profesor je nový.*  
'That professor is new'

*Ta profesorka se jmenuje paní Nováková.*  
'That professor's name is Mrs. Nováková'

### Unchanging *to*

When you are **identifying** a person or an object, in English you would typically say "That is...", such as "That is a dog" or "That is a car." In Czech this is always going to be *To je...* For a review of these forms, see [1.1 - Grammar Explanation - Co to je?](#)

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT RULE - to say “This is/That is...” you will say *To je...* or *Tohle je*. You will never need to change the word *to*, regardless of the gender of the noun that follows\*\*\***

So, whenever you are answering the questions *Kdo to je?*/*Co to je?*, you should respond *To je...* Take a look at the following examples:

*To je nový profesor.*  
'That's a new professor.'

*To je kočka.*  
'That's is a cat.'

*To je auto.*  
'That's a car.'

Now take a look at the following sentences. See if you make sense of the cases where it stays *to je* (or *tohle je*) vs. the times that it changes (i.e. *ten*, *ta*, *to*)

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. To auto není čisté.         | This car is not clean.         |
| 2. To je český slovník.        | This is a Czech dictionary.    |
| 3. Kde je ten velký stůl?      | Where is that big table?       |
| 4. Ten český slovník je dobrý. | That Czech dictionary is good. |
| 5. Ten malý stůl je hnědý.     | That small table is brown.     |
| 6. Ta televize není nová.      | That television is not new.    |
| 7. To je malá televize.        | That is a small television.    |
| 8. Ta stará televize je velká. | That old television is big.    |
| 9. Kde je to špinavé auto?     | Where is that dirty car?       |
| 10. Kdo je ten starý pán?      | Who is that old man?           |
| 11. To je německé auto.        | That is a German car.          |

12. To je nový počítač.

That is a new computer.

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