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In this article, we will discuss descriptive (common) adjectives and demonstrative adjectives.

Descriptive Adjectives

We use descriptive adjectives to describe [nouns](#).

Adjectives usually go before nouns:

- *This is a **nice** house.*
- *I am reading an **interesting** book.*
- *We have a **small** dog.*
- *I have **blue** eyes.*

Adjectives can also go after [link verbs](#) such as *be, look, feel, smell, sound* and *taste*. They still describe a noun or nouns.

- *This car **is fast**.*
- *It **looks great!***
- *That cake **smells delicious!***

Note: Adjectives of the same type require commas to separate them.

- *We have **red, green, and gold** lights.*

Demonstrative Adjectives

Demonstrative adjectives '*this*', '*that*', '*these*' and '*those*' are used to point out or refer to specific people or things.

This/These

We use 'this' and 'these' (plural) to point out something that is nearby, close, or in our hands.

This is used with [singular nouns](#):

- **This** book is very old.
- I would like **this** cake, please.

These is used with [plural nouns](#):

- **These** keys do not fit this door.
- Can I get **these** shoes, mom?

That/Those

We use 'that' and 'those' (plural) to point out someone or something that is farther away or not reachable.

That is used with singular nouns:

- **That** house is about a mile away.
- Who's **that** girl over there?

Those is used with plural nouns:

- Look at **those** hills! They are so beautiful.
- I don't like **those** pants.



We can use demonstrative adjectives and common adjectives together.

When we use both demonstrative and common adjectives, the demonstrative comes before the common (descriptive) adjective.

- I love **these new** shoes I just got.
- What is moving in **those tall** trees over there?
- I don't want **that ugly** animal in my house.

Here's a good video about demonstrative adjectives:

Got any questions about adjectives? Write them in the comments below and we'll try to answer!

See also:

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[The Order of Adjectives](#)