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!

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