

## Demonstrative Adjectives

The saleswoman in the picture is saying the sentences below. Underline the words this, these, that, and those.

Does anything on this table interest you? All these baskets are handmade. So are the pots on that table. But those pieces are heavier than the baskets.



A demonstrative adjective points out the noun it describes. The words this and these point out people or things nearby. The words that and those point out people or things farther away.

A. Underline a demonstrative adjective in each sentence.

EXAMPLE: Cliff dwellers built these shelters under the cliff.

1. Those dwellings were built in the Southwest.
2. These people lived from the fourth to the fourteenth century.
3. At that time, the people were often attacked by enemies.
4. They protected themselves from those enemies by living here.
5. During an attack, they pulled these ladders inside.
6. This action kept them safe.

B. Write the correct demonstrative adjective in parentheses ( ).

EXAMPLE: Those cliff dwellers were shorter than we are. (This, Those)

7. The people had to go down \_\_\_\_\_ cliff to get water from a stream in the valley. (this, those)
8. Their gardens lay next to \_\_\_\_\_ stream, also. (that, these)
9. There was no easy road up and down \_\_\_\_\_ rocks. (this, these)
10. \_\_\_\_\_ people had plenty of exercise! (That, Those)
11. We can relate \_\_\_\_\_ subject to modern times. (this, these)
12. People who live in \_\_\_\_\_ modern apartments are sometimes called "cliff dwellers." (this, these)
13. They buy food at \_\_\_\_\_ shopping mall. (these, that)

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- A.** Underline each demonstrative adjective. Draw an arrow to the noun it modifies.
1. This ancient land was called Mesopotamia.
  2. That name is from Greek words meaning "between the rivers."
  3. Everyone knew that those rivers were the Tigris and the Euphrates.
  4. This rich and fertile area is now mostly part of Iraq.
  5. Those early people built canals for irrigation.
  6. Invaders were attracted by these natural resources.
  7. That fruitful valley was fought over for centuries.
- B.** In each sentence, choose the correct demonstrative adjective and underline it.
8. The people living here protected themselves against (this, those) invaders.
  9. (That, These) drawings show their walled settlements.
  10. After 6000 B.C. (that, those) settlements grew.
  11. By 3000 B.C. several large cities controlled (this, those) land.
  12. About 3500 B.C. (this, these) people invented the first system of writing.
  13. (This, Those) cuneiform characters were wedge-shaped.
- C.** Underline the demonstrative adjectives and demonstrative pronouns. Write adj. above the adjective and pron. above the pronoun.
14. After 1500 B.C. this territory was threatened by Assyria. That was the most powerful nation nearby.
  15. Those were dangerous times. Assyria fought hard as it invaded these lands.
  16. The British occupied this area during World War I. That was for four years.
  17. Since World War II, this territory has been shared by Iraq and Syria. Can you find these on the map?

### WRITE IT

On separate paper, describe the civilization of the United States during the years 1970 to 2000. Use this, that, these and those to make your description more specific.