

Understanding Demonstrative Adjectives



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Demonstrative Adjectives

Demonstrative adjectives in Spanish are used to point out specific nouns.

They must agree in gender and number with the noun they modify. Here are the common demonstrative adjectives,.

They also reflect distance from the speaker.

-Este café está delicioso. → This coffee is delicious.

-Esa playa es hermosa. → That beach is beautiful.

-Aquellos monumentos son históricos. → Those monuments (over there) are historic.

Core Concepts of Demonstrative Verbs

English	Masculine Singular	Feminine Singular	Masculine Plural	Feminine Plural	Usage
This	este	esta	estos	estas	Near the speaker
That	ese	esa	esos	esas	Near the listener
That one (over there)	aquel	aquella	aquellos	aquellas	Far from both

Key Difference: Gendered Adjective vs. Neuter Pronoun

Word	Type	Usage	Example
este	Demonstrative adjective	Used with masculine nouns	<i>Este libro</i> (this book)
esto	Demonstrative pronoun	Used without a pronoun for idea or unknown object	<i>¿Qué es esto?</i> (What is this?)