

DETERMINERS

Determiners “this”, “that”, “these”, “those”, “what”, “which” and “whose” are articles before a noun to specify which noun is being referred to. They can also be used as pronouns in a sentence.

Demonstrative Determiners

The demonstrative determiners **“this”** and **“that”** are used to modify singular nouns. **“this”** is used for something or someone close by and **“that”** for something or someone further away in term of distance or time.

I love **this** car. (the car nearby)

But **that** car is less expensive. (the car further away)

He likes **this** job. (his current job)

He hates **that** job. (his past job)

The demonstrative determiners **“these”** and **“those”** are used to modify plural nouns. **“these”** is used for things or people close by and **“those”** for things or people further away in term of distance or time.

I love **these** cars. (the cars nearby)

But **those** cars are less expensive. (the cars further away)

He likes **these** tasks. (current tasks)

He hates **those** tasks. (past tasks)

Interrogative Determiners

The demonstrative determiners **“what”, “which”** and **“whose”** are used to ask questions. They can be adjectives if they modify a noun. They can be a pronoun if they stand alone.

Adjectives

What car did he buy?

Which shirt do you pick?

Whose books are those?

Pronouns

What did he buy?

Which is your pick?

Whose are those?

*The interrogative determiners **“that”** is used to ask general questions and **“which”** is used to ask for a choice between two or more possibilities.*

Practice1: Complete the sentence with appropriate demonstrative determiner “this”, “that”, “these”, “those”.

1. These oranges are great but ____ look even better.
2. Are ____ books right here yours?
3. Would you pick up ____ packages for me?
4. Is ____ car right there hers?
5. Is ____ seat right here mine?
6. Let's not buy this one. Let's get ____ one.
7. ____ group has been vaccinated, but that group hasn't.
8. I had ____ same feeling when I saw the movie.
9. I am having ____ uneasy feeling for quite sometimes.
10. ____ people we met were his friends.
11. Is this what you really want or ____?
12. It's either ____ or that. Take your pick.
13. Who would want ____ wilted lettuces? these are fresher.
14. Would you eat ____ instead of this?
15. I don't want to go to ____ shops downtown. They are too far.
16. ____ cashier at the supermarket was very rude.
17. Can you see ____ far with your naked eyes?
18. I don't like ____ crispy rolls at the restaurant.

Answers1:

1. These oranges are great but **those** look even better.
2. Are **these** books right here yours?
3. Would you pick up **those** packages for me?
4. Is **that** car right there hers?
5. Is **this** seat right here mine?
6. Let's not buy this one. Let's get **that** one.
7. **This** group has been vaccinated, but that group hasn't.
8. I had **that** same feeling when I saw the movie.
9. I am having **this** uneasy feeling for quite sometimes.
10. **Those** people we met were his friends.
11. Is this what you really want or **that**?
12. It's either **this** or that. Take your pick.
13. Who would want **those** wilted lettuces, these are fresher.
14. Would you eat **that** instead of this?
15. I don't want to go to **those** shops downtown. They are too far.
16. **That** cashier was very rude.
17. Can you see **that** far with your naked eyes?
18. I don't like **those** crispy rolls at the restaurant.

Practice2: Complete the sentence with appropriate interrogative determiner “what”, “which”, “whose”.

1. _____ of these shoes do you want?
2. _____ is the shortest way there?
3. _____ house is the closest to the beach?
4. _____ actor was her fifth husband?
5. _____ seat is that? mine?
6. _____ should I wear? Skirt or pant? (“what” because the choices are categories)
7. _____ should I wear? This shirt or that? (“which” because the choices are options)
8. _____ should the conclusion be?
9. _____ makes you smile?
10. _____ month is normally the hottest?
11. _____ kind of wine is that?
12. _____ time should I come by?
13. _____ turn is it to clean the house this week?
14. _____ is your favorite TV show?
15. _____ motivated him?
16. _____ idea is it?
17. _____ can we possibly do in that situation?
18. _____ dog chased my cat?

Answers2:

1. **Which** of these shoes do you want?
2. **Which** is the shortest way there?
3. **Whose** house is the closest to the beach?
4. **Which** actor was her fifth husband?
5. **Whose** seat is that? mine?
6. **What** should I wear? Skirt or pant? (“what” because the choices are categories)
7. **Which** should I wear? This shirt or that? (“which” because the choices are options)
8. **What** should the conclusion be?
9. **What** makes you smile?
10. **Which** month is normally the hottest?
11. **What** kind of wine is that?
12. **What** time should I come by?
13. **Whose** turn is it to clean the house this week?
14. **What** is your favorite TV show?
15. **What** motivated him?
16. **Whose** idea is it?
17. **What** can we possibly do in that situation?
18. **Whose** dog chased my cat?