

Demonstrative adjectives and pronouns

- Demonstrative adjectives (**adjetivos demostrativos**) specify to which noun a speaker is referring. They precede the nouns they modify and agree in gender and number.

este anuncio
this advertisement

esa tira cómica
that comic strip

aquellos periódicos
*those newspapers
(over there)*

Demonstrative adjectives

singular		plural		
masculine	feminine	masculine	feminine	
este	esta	estos	estas	<i>this; these</i>
ese	esa	esos	esas	<i>that; those</i>
aquel	aquella	aquellos	aquellas	<i>that; those (over there)</i>

- Spanish has three sets of demonstrative adjectives. Forms of **este** are used to point out nouns that are close to the speaker and the listener. Forms of **ese** modify nouns that are not close to the speaker, though they may be close to the listener. Forms of **aquel** refer to nouns that are far away from both the speaker and the listener.



No me gustan **estos** zapatos.



Prefiero **esos** zapatos.



Aquel coche es de Ana.

- Demonstrative pronouns (**pronombres demostrativos**) are identical to demonstrative adjectives, except that they carry an accent mark on the stressed vowel. They agree in gender and number with the nouns they replace.

¿Quieres comprar **esta** radio? No, no quiero **ésta**. Quiero **ésa**.
Do you want to buy this radio? No, I don't want this one. I want that one.

¿Leíste **estos** libros? No leí **éstos**, pero sí leí **aquéllos**.
Did you read these books? I didn't read these, but I did read those (over there).

- There are three neuter demonstrative pronouns: **esto**, **eso**, and **aquello**. These forms refer to unidentified or unspecified things, situations, or ideas. They do not vary in gender or number and they never carry an accent mark.

¿Qué es **esto**?
What is this?

Eso es interesante.
That's interesting.

Aquello es bonito.
That's pretty.