this, these, that, those

Consider the following examples:

a.

- 1. What's *this*? It's a ticket.
- 2. These watches are Japanese.

b.

- 1. That car is Italian.
- 2. What are *those*? They're headphones.

Rule

- We use *this/these* for things near you (here).
- We use *that/those* for things that aren't near you (there).
- We use *this/that* for singular.
- We use *these/those* for plural.
- this, these, that, and those can be used as adjectives: this (adj) watch (noun).
- this, these, that, and those can also be used as pronouns: What (wh question) is (verb) this (pronoun, can be replaced by "it")?

Practice:

a. Complete the dialogues with this, these, that, or those.

Teacher: What's Sarah?

Sarah: It's an iPod.

Teacher: and what are?

Sarah: are my headphones. Sorry for using them inside the classr

Teacher: Give them to me, please.

Boy1: Who's man over there? I have never seen him before!

Boy 2: is our new neighbor. He moved in last night.

Boy 1: and are his dogs?

Boy 2: I think yes, they are.

Boy 1: Wow! He looks rich!

