**DEMONSTRATIVE ADJECTIVES**

A demonstrative adjective is used to point out someone or something. Like other adjectivess, a demonstrative adjective agrees in gender and number with the noun it modifies. The demonstrative adjectives are:

***este*** *libro this book* ***esta*** *pluma this pen*

***estos*** *libros these books* ***estas*** *plumas these pens*

***ese*** *libro that book (near you)* ***esa*** *pluma that pen (near you)*

***esos*** *libros those books (near you)* ***esas*** *plumas those pens (near you)*

***aquel*** *libro that book (over there)* ***aquella*** *pluma that pen (over there)*

***aquellos*** *libros those books (over there)* ***aquellas*** *plumas those pens (over there)*

*REMEMBER:* ***This and these both have t’s*** *to distinguish between the*

*Spanish forms* ***este/ese****,* ***esta/esa****,* ***estos/esos*** *and* ***estas/estas****.*

If there is more than one noun, a demonstrative adjective is used in front of each noun:

***este hombre y esta mujer*** this man and this woman

The demonstrative adjectives are used to form the demonstrative pronouns.

**DEMONSTRATIVE PRONOUNS**

The demonstrative adjectives are used to form the demonstrative pronouns. To form the demonstrative pronoun write an accent mark on the stressed vowel of the demonstrative adjective. A demonstrative pronoun takes the place of a noun. It agrees in gender and number with the noun it replaces. The demonstrative pronouns are:

***éste***  *this (one)* ***ésta*** *this (one)*

***éstos***  *these* ***éstas***  *these*

***ése*** *that (one near you)* ***ésa***  *that (one near you)*

***ésos*** *those (near you)* ***ésas*** *those (near you)*

***aquél***  *that (one over there)* ***aquélla*** *that (one over there)*

***aquéllos*** *those (over there)* ***aquéllas*** *those (over there)*

*REMEMBER:* ***This (one) and these both have t’s*** *to distinguish between the*

*Spanish forms* ***éste/ése****,* ***ésta/ésa****,* ***éstos/ésos*** *and* ***éstas/éstas****.*

EXAMPLES: *Me gustan* ***este*** *cuadro y* ***ése****./I like this picture and that one.*

***Estas*** *camisas y* ***aquéllas*** *son hermosas./These shirts and those are beautiful.*

**The Neuter Form of Demonstrative Pronouns**

Note that the neuter forms do not have an accent mark. They are not used when you are referring to a particular noun. They are used when referring to an idea, a statement, a situation, a clause, a phrase. Never use the neuter pronouns to refer to a person.

*¿Qué es* ***esto****? What is* ***this****?*

***Eso*** *es fácil de hacer.* ***That*** *is easy to do.*

*Juan no estudia y* ***esto*** *me inquieta. John does not study and* ***this*** *worries me.*

Note also that the English term “**the latter**” is expressed in Spanish as ***éste***, ***ésta***, ***éstos*** or ***éstas***; and “**the former**” is expressed in Spanish as ***aquél***, ***aquélla***, ***aquéllos*** or ***aquéllas*** -- depending on the gender and number of the noun referred to.

The pronouns ***el de***, ***la de***, ***los de***, ***las de***; ***el que***, ***la que***, ***los que*** and las que are used in place of nouns.

EXAMPLES:

*mi hermano y* ***el*** *(hermano)* ***de*** *mi amigo my brother and my friend****’s***

*mi hermana y* ***la*** *(hermana)* ***de*** *mi amigo my sister and my friend****’s***

*mis hermanos y* ***los*** *(hermanos)* ***del*** *chico my brothers and the boy****’s***

***El*** *(muchacho)* ***que*** *baila con María es mi* ***The one*** *(boy) who is dancing with Mary is*

*hermano. my brother.*

***La*** *(muchacha)* ***que*** *baila con Roberto es mi* ***The one*** *(girl) who is dancing with Robert is*

*hermana. my sister.*

***Las*** *(muchachas)* ***que*** *bailan son mis* ***The ones*** *(girls) who are dancing are my*

*amigas. friends.*