

7 : DEMONSTRATIVES

- Demonstrative pronoun (أسماء الإشارة) is a noun (اسم) which is used to point to something that has already been mentioned in some form or another. The pointing is either near (“this”), or distant (“that”).
- Words like ‘this’, ‘that’, ‘these’ and ‘those’ are demonstrative pronouns.
- They vary according to gender (male and female) and number (singular, dual and plural).
- It consists of distinctly masculine and feminine cases for each set in the singular and dual forms. However, for plural forms, there is no distinction between genders.
- Demonstratives are of two types:
 - ◆ أسماء الإشارة للقريب (For objects close by) - It is used for pointing at something **nearby**.
 - ◆ أسماء الإشارة للبعيد (For distant objects) - It is used for pointing at something **far away**.

لِلْبَعِيدِ Distance (That)		لِلْقَرِيبِ Proximity/Near (This)		الأسماء الإشارة Demonstrative Pronouns	
المؤنث	المذكر	المؤنث	المذكر		
تِلْكَ That	ذَلِكَ That	هَذِهِ This	هَذَا This	المفرد Singular	
تَانِكَ Those two	دَانِكَ Those two	هَاتَيْنِ These two	هَذَانِ These two	مَرْفُوع Nominative	المثنى Dual
تَيْنِكَ Those two	دَيْنِكَ Those two	هَاتَيْنِ These two	هَذَيْنِ These two	مَنْصُوب وَمَجْرُور Accus & Genitive	
أُولَئِكَ Those		هُؤُلَاءِ These		الجمع Plural	

- Demonstrative pronouns can be used in 2 ways:
 - ◆ When demonstrative is used as an adjective, it forms a **Demonstrative phrase**
 - ◆ When demonstrative is used as a pronoun, it forms a **Demonstrative sentence**

★ Demonstrative Phrases

- When the demonstrative is followed by a definite noun (with "ال"), it forms a demonstrative phrase.
- The demonstrative acts as a demonstrative adjective.
- The demonstrative agrees with the noun in gender (except in the plural) and number.
- Here, the demonstrative is called as **اسْمُ الإِشَارَةِ** and when indicating specific objects, the term used for the pointed-to item is **مُشَارٌ إِلَيْهِ**.
 - ◆ That book (ذَلِكَ الْكِتَابُ) where **اسْمُ الإِشَارَةِ = ذَلِكَ** and **مُشَارٌ إِلَيْهِ = الْكِتَابُ**
- Examples:

This library is big - **هَذِهِ الْمَكْتَبَةُ كَبِيرَةٌ**

I work with those two men - **أَعْمَلُ مَعَ ذَيْنِكَ الرَّجُلَيْنِ**

Those students are from Japan - **أُولَئِكَ الطُّلَابُ مِنَ الْيَابَانِ**

I know these engineers - **أَعْرِفُ هَؤُلَاءِ الْمُهَنْدِسِينَ**

Those two men are physicians - **ذَانِكَ الرَّجُلَانِ طَبِيبَانِ**

I work with those two men - **أَعْمَلُ مَعَ ذَيْنِكَ الرَّجُلَيْنِ**

★ Demonstrative Sentence

- When the demonstrative is followed by an indefinite noun (without "ال"), it forms a demonstrative sentence.
- The demonstrative works as a pronoun when it's subject (المُبْتَدَأُ) in a nominal sentence.

- Sentence structure = Subject المُبْتَدَأ (the demonstrative) + Predicate الْخَبَر (an indefinite noun)
- Here, the demonstrative is called as **المُبْتَدَأ** and the pointed-to item is called as **الْخَبَر** since it is a nominal sentence (not a phrase).
 - ◆ This is a book (هَذَا كِتَابٌ), where **المُبْتَدَأ** = هذا , and **الْخَبَر** = كِتَابٌ
 - ◆ This is the book (هَذَا هُوَ الْكِتَابُ), where **المُبْتَدَأ** = هذا and **الْخَبَر** = هو الكتاب [add هو or هي based on the gender of the noun]

- Examples:

These are hardworking students - هؤلاء طلاب مجتهدون

These are my brothers - هؤلاء إخواني

This is my bag - هذه حقيبتي

This is a beautiful room - هذه غرفة جميلة

This is a chicken - هذه دجاجة

That is a cow - تلك بقرة

★ Demonstrative with Plural Nouns

○ Human Plurals

- ◆ For human beings, when referring to a group regardless of gender, demonstratives like هؤلاء (these) and أولئك (those) are used.
- ◆ Examples:

These are my brothers - هؤلاء إخواني

Those students are from Japan - أولئك الطلاب من اليابان

○ Non Human Plurals

- ◆ All plural non-human nouns, regardless of gender, are referred to using singular feminine demonstratives - هَذِهِ for close objects and تِلْكَ for far things.
- ◆ Examples:

These are chairs - هَذِهِ كُرَاسِي

Those are desks - تِلْكَ طَاوِلَات

These cars are new - هَذِهِ السَّيَّارَات جَدِيدَة

These pens are expensive - هَذِهِ الْأَقْلَام غَالِيَة

★ Demonstratives for Place

- To refer to a place, the demonstrative هُنَا for a near place, and هُنَاكَ and هُنَالِكَ for far place(s) is used.
- Example:

هُنَا مَدْرَسَة وَ هُنَاكَ مُسْتَشْفَى - Here is a school, and there is a hospital