

## Demonstrative articles

this            **este** (**esta** if it's feminine, **estos** if it's plural and **estas** if it's feminine and plural)  
that            **ese** (**esa** if it's feminine, **esos** if it's plural and **esas** if it's feminine and plural)

In Spanish we have a third one that is used for nouns that are far away and/or not in the speaker's situation:

**aquel** (aquella if it's feminine, **aquellos** if it's plural and **aquellas** if it's feminine and plural )

So, for example, if I'm eating a chicken I say “este pollo está muy bueno”.

If I look at someone else's shoes I say “esos zapatos son nuevos”

And if I'm thinking about last summer I say “aquella playa era preciosa”

The general rule is that we use “este” and “ese” in the same cases as we use in English “this” and “that”, but we use the third position when:

- the object is located far away from both the speaker and listener
- the object is referred to as a memory