



## This, That, These, and Those

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### *Strategies for Academic Writing Series*

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*That: refers to a singular object which is far from the speaker. (there)*

*These: refers to more than one object which is near the speaker. (here)*

*Those: refers to more than one object which is far from the speaker. (there)*

1. Fill in the empty spaces below with THIS, THAT, THESE, and THOSE.

Sarah: Amy, what is that on your bed?

Amy: What are you talking about?

Sarah: \_\_\_\_\_ bag! What is in \_\_\_\_\_ bag?

Amy: Oh, I brought \_\_\_\_\_ bag from my parents' house.

Sarah: Yes, but what is in \_\_\_\_\_ bag?

(Amy puts her hand in the bag. She takes out some clothes and hold them up for Sarah.)

Sarah: What are \_\_\_\_\_?

Amy: \_\_\_\_\_ are clothes. \_\_\_\_\_ clothes are special. I used to wear them when I was young.

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2. Correct any faulty THIS, THAT, THESE, and THOSE usage you find in the following sentences.
  - a. The zoo features more than 1,500 animals in tiny cages. All the animals are fed only twice a day, even though some require nourishment several times in 24 hours. This bothers me.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. At the shipyard entrance, the police have been granted great authority. These include stopping any car they wish to, asking them for IS's patting them down, and arresting suspects without stating their reasons. This was put into effect after 9/11.



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(Amy puts her hand in the bag. She takes out some clothes and hold them up for Sarah.)

Sarah: What are **these**?

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  - a. The zoo features more than 1,500 animals in tiny cages. All the animals are fed only twice a day, even though some require nourishment several times in 24 hours. **These policies** bother me.
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