

Demonstrative Pronouns

You have already learned the forms for *ille, illa, illud* (that, those)

The pronoun *hic, haec, hoc* is similar to *ille, illa, illud*.

- A. The forms of *hic, haec, hoc* may appear **alone** (in any of the cases). No word in the same case will appear next to them. In this instance, you have to **ADD** the idea of *man, woman, thing* (in the necessary case and number).

example: *Hic regem interfecit* – This **MAN** killed the king. (*hic* is masc)

Haec regem interfecit- This **WOMAN** killed the king. (*haec* is fem.)

The word **MAN** and **WOMAN** is being added to the English sentence to convey the **GENDER** expressed by *hic* or *haec*.

- B. The forms of *hic, haec, hoc* may appear as an **adjective** with another word in the same case next to them. In this instance, you **DO NOT ADD** any words.

example *Hic servus regem interfecit* – This slave killed the king.

Haec urbs est pulchra – This city is beautiful.

Most students have trouble with this second use. They get used to the idea of adding *man* or *woman* etc. and add these words when they should leave them out. Pay close attention, listen carefully and practice diligently and you will avoid this mistake.

	Masc		Fem		Neut	
	Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
Nom	<i>hic</i> -this man, this---	<i>hi</i> -these men, these---	<i>haec</i> -this woman, this---	<i>hae</i> -these women, these---	<i>hoc</i> -this thing, this---	<i>haec</i> -these things, these---
Gen	<i>huius</i> – of this man, of this---	<i>horum</i> -of these men, of these---	<i>huius</i> -of this woman, of this---	<i>harum</i> -of these women, of these---	<i>huius</i> – of this thing, of this---	<i>horum</i> of these things, of these---
Dat	<i>huic</i> – to/for this man, to/for this---	<i>his</i> -to/for these men, to/for these---	<i>huic</i> -to/for this woman, to/for this---	<i>his</i> – to/for these women, to/for these---	<i>huic</i> – to/for this thing, to/for this---	<i>his</i> -to/for these things, to/for these---
Acc	<i>hunc</i> -this man, this--- (d.o./obj of prep)	<i>hos</i> -these men, these--- (d.o./obj of prep)	<i>hanc</i> -this woman, this--- (d.o./obj of prep)	<i>has</i> -these women, these--- (d.o./obj of prep)	<i>hoc</i> – this thing, this--- (d.o./obj of prep)	<i>haec</i> - these things, these--- (d.o./obj of prep)
Abl	<i>hoc</i> -this man, this---(obj of prep)	<i>his</i> -these men, these -- (obj of prep)	<i>hac</i> -this woman, this--- (obj of prep)	<i>his</i> -these women, these--- (obj of prep)	<i>hoc</i> – this thing, this--- (obj of prep)	<i>his</i> –these things, these--- (obj of prep)

More examples:

huius villa est magna – **This man's** house is large. or **This woman's** house is large

huius mercatoris villa est magna – **This merchant's** house is large

hunc iuvabo – I will help **this man**

hunc equum iuvabo – I will help **this horse**

Cum his pugnabamus – we were fighting **with these men.** or we were fighting **with these women.**

Cum his militibus pugnabamus – we were fighting **with these soldiers.**