

Demonstrative Pronouns

You have already learned the forms for the pronoun *is, ea, id*.

This pronoun is most often used as a personal pronoun in the 3rd person. It is translated, as you now should know, as *he, she, it, his, her, its, him, her, they, their, them*.

The demonstrative pronoun *ille, illa, illud*. Is very similar in form to *is, ea, id*.

This pronoun is used to point to something and is translated as *that* or *those*.

There are two ways to use these words:

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

example: *Ille regem interfecit* – That MAN killed the king. (*ille* is masc)

Illa regem interfecit- That WOMAN killed the king. (*illa* is fem.)

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

- B. The forms of *ille, illa, illud* 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 *Ille servus regem interfecit* – That slave killed the king.

Illa urbs est pulchra – that 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	ille-that man, that---	illi-those men, those---	illa-that woman, that---	illae-those women, those---	illud-that thing, that---	illa-those things, those---
Gen	illius-that man's, that---'s	illorum-those men's, those---s'	illius-that woman's, that---'s	illarum-those women's, those---s'	illius-that thing's that---'s	illorum-those things', those---s'
Dat	illi- to/for that man, to/for that---	illis- to/for those men, to/for those---	illi -to/for that woman, to/for that---	illis- to/for those women, to/for those---	illi- to/for that thing, to/for that---	illis- to/for those things, to/for those---
Acc	illum -that man, that--- (d.o. or obj of prep)	illos-those men, those--- (d.o. or obj of prep)	illam- that woman, that--- (d.o. or obj of prep)	illas-those women, those--- (d.o. or obj of prep)	illud- that thing, that--- (d.o. or obj of prep)	illa-those things, those--- (d.o. or obj of prep)
Abl	illo- that man, that--- (obj of prep)	illis-those men, those---	illā- that woman, that--- (obj of prep)	illis-those women, those---	illo- that thing, that--- (obj of prep)	illis-those things, those---