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## Introduction – It's nice to meet you

### GRAMMAR – ARTICLES ("a" and "an")

En inglés, los artículos indeterminados son "**a**" y "**an**" (que equivalen en español a los artículos "un", "una").

- **Cuando el sustantivo** que acompaña al artículo **empieza por consonante (o una vocal con sonido de consonante)**, se emplea el artículo "**a**"

(**a** car = un coche / **a** book = un libro / **a** useful thing = una cosa útil).

- **Cuando el sustantivo** que acompaña al artículo **empieza por vocal (o una consonante con sonido vocal como "h" que no se pronuncia)**, se emplea en artículo "**an**"

(**an** apple = una manzana / **an** office = una oficina / **an** hour = una hora)



**Exercise 1.** Complete these sentences with a or an – Completa las oraciones usando "a" o "an"



1. This is **a** ..... book.



3. This is **a** ..... English book.



5. This is **a** ..... notebook.



2. This is **a** ..... eraser.



4. This is **a** ..... marker.



6. This is **a** ..... clock.

## GRAMMAR – Los demonstrative determiners (“this” and “these”)

Los demonstrative determiners se utilizan mayoritariamente para especificar o señalar a personas, animales o cosas en función de su proximidad o lejanía teniendo en cuenta la posición del hablante.

**THIS** - Esto/e/a

**THESE** - Estos/as

Los **demonstrative determiners** en inglés **no** hacen distinción de **género** (masculino/femenino) pero **sí de número** (singular/plural).

Los demonstrative determiners se utilizan según la situación y el número, principalmente teniendo en cuenta la posición del hablante:



PROXIMIDAD	
singular	plural
<b>THIS</b>	<b>THESE</b>
 This book Este libro	 These books Estos libros

También utilizamos los determinantes demostrativos cuando introducimos a alguien o preguntamos por alguien a través del teléfono, utilizando las construcciones **This is.../These are** respectivamente:



Cuando el demostrativo aparece acompañado de un nombre, se categoriza como un adjetivo porque especifica el elemento del que estamos hablando.



This apple is mine.

Esta manzana es mía.



These are original.

Estos son originales.

### This/these, it/they; plurals



This is a clock.



These are clocks.



What's this?  
It's an earring.



What are these?  
They're earrings.

It's = It is  
They're = They are

#### 1 This/these; it/they; plurals

- Don't use a contraction with *What + are*: **What are these?** (NOT: *What're these?*)
- Use *this* with singular nouns: **This** is a book. Use *these* with plural nouns: **These** are earrings.

No usamos la contracción para *What + are*: **Forma correcta** What are these?

**Forma incorrecta:** What's are these

Para *What + is* **si** lo Podemos contraer.

**Exercise 2.** Encierra en un círculo la forma correcta.

1. A: **What's / What are** these?  
B: **It's / They're** my earring / earrings.
2. A: **What's / What are** this?  
B: **It's / They're** a / an cell phone.
3. A: **What's this / these?**  
B: **It's / They're** a / an address book.

**Exercise 3.** Complete these conversations – Completa las siguientes conversaciones.



1. A: What are these ..... ?  
B: They're keys .....
2. A: What Is this ..... ?  
B: a map .....
3. A: What are these ..... ?  
B: They're bags .....



4. A: What Is this ..... ?  
B: a clok .....
5. A: What Is this ..... ?  
B: an umbrella .....
6. A: What Is this ..... ?  
B: They's glasses .....

#### GRAMMAR – Where question / preguntas con “donde”

##### Yes/No and where questions with be

**Is this** your wallet?

Yes, **it is**. / No, **it's not**.

**Are these** your keys?

Yes, **they are**. / No, **they're not**.

**Where's** your wallet?

**It's** in my pocket.

**Where are** my keys?

**They're** on the table.

##### Where – Donde?

Where is - Singular

Where are - Plural

**Exercise 4.** Complete these conversations – Completa las siguientes conversaciones.

1. A: ..... **Is** ..... this your umbrella?  
B: No, **It's** ..... not.  
A: **Are** ..... these your keys?  
B: Yes, **they** ..... are. Thanks!

3. A: Where **is** ..... your sunglasses?  
B: **They're** ..... on the table.  
A: No, **It's** ..... not. They're *my* sunglasses!  
B: You're right. My sunglasses **It's** ..... in my purse.

2. A: Where **are** ..... my glasses?  
B: Are **these** ..... your glasses?  
A: No, they're **not** ..... .  
B: Wait! **are** ..... they in your pocket?  
A: Yes, **they** ..... are. Thanks!

4. A: **Is** ..... this my pen?  
B: No, **It's** ..... not. It's *my* pen.  
A: Sorry, **It's** ..... is my pen?  
B: **They're** ..... on your desk.  
A: Oh, you're right!

**Exercie 5.** Complete these exercises – Completa los siguientes ejercicios.

## 2 Yes/No and *where* questions with *be*

► In questions with *where*, the verb comes after *Where*: **Where are** my sunglasses?  
(NOT: ~~Where my sunglasses are?~~)

### A Match the questions with the answers.

- |   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1. Is that your wallet? .... <i>c</i> ....    | a. They're in your purse. |
| 2. Are these your glasses? .... <i>e</i> .... | b. No, it's not.          |
| 3. Where are my keys? .... <i>a</i> ....      | c. Oh, yes, it is!        |
| 4. Is this your pen? .... <i>b</i> ....       | d. It's in my pocket.     |
| 5. Where's your watch? ....                   | e. No, they're not.       |

### B Complete the conversation. Use the words in the box.

are they	it is	they are	where
it	it's	this	✓ where's

A: .....*Where's*..... my pen?

B: I don't know. Is .....*Where*..... in your book bag?

A: No, .....*It's*..... not.

B: Is .....*this*..... your pen?

A: Yes, .....*It is*..... . Thanks! Now, .....*where*..... are my keys?

B: .....*They are*..... on your desk?

A: Yes, .....*It is*..... . Thank you!