THE DEMONSTRATIVE PRONOUNS
Thirty-second lesson – Trente-deuxième leçon
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1. **Definition**

- Demonstrative pronouns refer to a specific noun or nouns, replacing them.

- In English: *this, that, these, and those.*

- These are **pronouns**, not adjectives, and therefore stand on their own.

- They must agree with the noun or nouns that they replace.
1. FORMS

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2. Uses

A demonstrative pronoun is used mainly in these three situations:

2.1 When followed by a relative pronoun, they replace or represent a subject:

- Cette chanson est **celle** que j’aime le plus.
  - This song is the one I like the most.

- Celui qui dort bien vit plus longtemps.
  - Whom that sleeps well, lives longer
2. USES

2.2 When followed by a preposition and a relative pronoun, they also replace or represent a subject:

- *Cet homme est celui avec lequel j’aimerais me marier.*
- *This man is the one with whom I’d like to get married.*
2. **Uses**

2.3 When followed by -ci or -là

- Demonstrative pronouns replace subjects and also indicate proximity or distance when followed by -ci (closer) / -là (farther):

  - *La robe qui est dans la vitrine est plus belle que celle-ci.*
  - *The dress that is on display is prettier than this one.*
3. More about demonstrative pronouns

- The **indefinite** demonstrative pronouns **ceci** and **cela** (ça) are used to refer to objects or events that have not been precisely identified.

- **Ceci** is the contraction of **ce** and **ici** (*this* and *here*), **cela** is the contraction of **ce** and **là** (*this* and *there*), and **ça** replaces **ceci** and **cela** in colloquial situations.
3. More about demonstrative pronouns

- Voudrais-tu boire un verre de ceci?
- Would you like to drink a glass of this?

- Tout cela me semble bizarre!
- All of this seems strange to me!

- C’est quoi (tout) ça?
- What is all that?
C’est tout pour aujourd’hui!

Au revoir!

Merci!