



# **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

	Singular	Plural
Masculine	<b>Celui</b>	<b>Ceux</b>
Feminine	<b>Celle</b>	<b>Celles</b>



## 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!

