

Demonstratives

Class Objective:

I will be able to list out and use demonstratives in Dutch.

Concept A: Demonstratives

In grammar, a demonstrative is a determiner or pronoun that points to a particular noun or to the noun it replaces.

- dit (this)
- deze (this, these)
- dat (that)
- die (that, those)

Concept B: Examples

- **For something in proximity:**

de trein → deze trein - this train

het huis → dit huis - this house

Here, 'de' is replaced by deze and 'het' by dit.

- **At a greater distance:**

de trein → die trein

het huis → dat huis

Examples:

Dit huis is mooi" (het Huis)

This house is beautiful.

Die boom is lang" (de boom)

That tree is tall.

Concept C: Using demonstrative pronouns instead of personal pronouns

		close	far	definite	indefinite
gender	personal	demonstrative		article	
neuter	het	dit	dat	het	een
masculine	hij	deze	die	de	

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