

Them and Those

Using the word **'them'** in place of **'those'** is a common mistake.

E.g. I like ~~them~~ **those** chocolates.

- The word **'them'** is used to represent something mentioned earlier in the sentence.

E.g. I've bought some oranges. I'll put **them** on the table.

Or

The children were really excited. Jack gave **them** presents.

We use **that** (singular) and **those** (plural) to describe things that are not near to us:

E.g. That pen is blue. / **Those** pens are blue.

That is a nice dress. / **Those** are nice shoes.

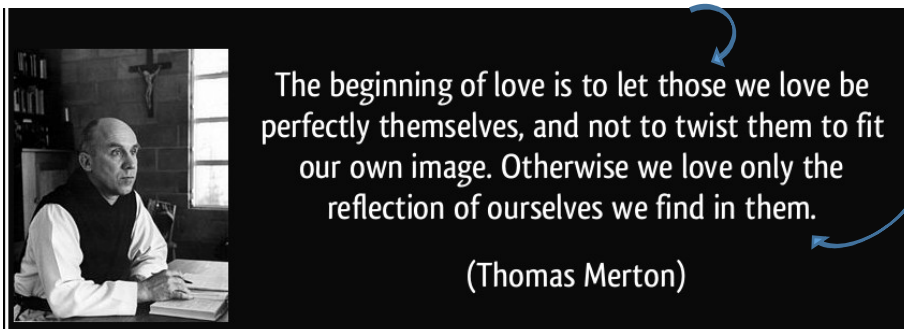
Tip:

- Use **'those'** if 'that' would work in singular. (That song / **those** songs)

Them	Those
I've read your stories and I enjoyed them !	Those stories were brilliant.
I'm good at meeting new people. I find it easy to talk to them .	Those people were really interesting.
When we use chemicals in Science, we have to be very careful with them .	I used two of those chemicals today.

Complete the following sentences with **them** or **those**:

1. _____ exam questions were really challenging.
2. Why are _____ people wearing badges?
3. I've read lots of Shakespeare's plays and really enjoy _____.
4. _____ comments in class today were very perceptive.
5. _____ cakes were delicious.
6. That class were so focused. I really enjoyed teaching _____.
7. _____ boots she is wearing look warm and cosy.
8. _____ puppies look so peaceful when they're asleep.
9. No phones aloud. Please turn _____ off.
10. Are _____ football boots waterproof?



Answers: 1. Those 2. those 3. them 4. Those 5. those 6. Them 7. Those 8. Those 9. them 10. Those