

Les pronoms démonstratifs Unité 2

If you want to say “this / these” in French, you’ll need to learn a few terms.

First, you need to consider if what you’re talking about is masculine, feminine, or plural.

* If the thing you refer to is masculine, you use the word “**Ce**”.

Ex. **Ce** film est bon. = This film is good.

• If the word is masculine, **BUT** starts with a vowel or silent “h”, you use the term “**Cet**”.

Ex. **Cet** homme est pratique. = This man is practical.

If you refer to a feminine word, you say “**Cette**”.

Ex. **Cette** chemise est terrible. = This shirt is terrible.

* OK. Now for something **wicked important!** If you refer to more than one thing, you ALWAYS use the term “**Ces**” to say ‘these’. It doesn’t matter if the things are masculine or feminine, use “ces” anytime you refer to more than one thing to say ‘these’.

Ex. **Ces** films sont bons. = These films are good.

Ces chemises sont terribles. = These shirts are terrible.

Here’s *approximately* how they are pronounced:

Ce [suh], cet [set], cette [set], ces [say]