

## DEMONSTRATIVE PRONOUNS

### Lesson 26

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Like English, Kiribati uses a set of demonstrative pronouns to indicate the relative location of nouns. In English there are only two degrees of distance, near and far: this and that. Kiribati distinguishes three degrees of distance:

aei	this (near me)
aanne	that (near you)
aarei	that (far from us)

Both English and Kiribati mark plurals:

aikai	these (near me)
akanne	those (near you)
akekei	those (far from us)

They are used following the noun:

te boki aei	this book (near me)
te boki aanne	that book (near you)
te boki aarei	that book (far from us)
booki aikai	these books (near me)
booki akanne	those books (near you)
booki akekei	those books (far from us)

Besides locative distance, these pronouns may indicate temporal (time) distance:

te bong aei	today (this day)
te bong aarei	that day (not today)

As in English, the demonstratives may be used to refer to that which has just been mentioned:

I noora te boki ae e uraura.	I see the red book.
E matenten te boki aanne.	That book is thick.

(Note: In actual practice you will be able to get along with just the two extremes, near me, and far from us, using the Kiribati more like English this/that.)

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A. Change the nouns in the following sentences to the demonstrative form indicated:

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|     | ex: this    | I wareka te boki.<br>I wareka te boki aei. |
| 1.  | this        | I orea to booro.<br>hit ball               |
| 2.  | that (near) | I kauka te mataroa.<br>open door           |
| 3.  | that (far)  | I kabooa te kariki.<br>buy bread           |
| 4.  | this        | I taua te boki.<br>hold book               |
| 5.  | that (near) | I wareka te boki.<br>read                  |
| 6.  | that (far)  | Ko anaa te boki.<br>take                   |
| 7.  | this        | E karekea te ika.<br>get fish              |
| 8.  | that (near) | A katea te auti.<br>build house            |
| 9.  | that (far)  | A toka n te kaa.<br>ride car               |
| 10. | this        | E tang te aiine.<br>cry woman              |
| 11. | that (near) | E tang te aiine.                           |
| 12. | that (far)  | E tang te aiine.                           |
| 13. | this        | E kukurei te teei.<br>happy child          |
| 14. | that (near) | E un te teei.<br>angry                     |
| 15. | that (far)  | E anene te teei.<br>sings                  |
| 16. | this        | Ko kaitiaka te auti.<br>clean house        |
| 17. | that (near) | Ko mooi n te m'angko.<br>drink cup         |
| 18. | that (far)  | Ko urua te boki.<br>tear                   |
| 19. | this        | E aoraki te aiine.<br>sick                 |
| 20. | that (far)  | E marurung te aiine.<br>healthy            |

B. Change the nouns in the following sentences to the indicated demonstrative forms:

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| 1.  | these        | E kam'ai iika.<br>cook fish            |
| 2.  | those (near) | I uoti been.<br>bring coconuts         |
| 3.  | those (far)  | E uoti been.                           |
| 4.  | these        | E kabooi kariki.<br>buy bread          |
| 5.  | those (near) | Ti kaei beeki.<br>chase pigs           |
| 6.  | those (far)  | E booti baene.<br>gathered baskets     |
| 7.  | these        | I kanoai b'aketi.<br>fill buckets      |
| 8.  | those (near) | E tangiri booro.<br>wants balls        |
| 9.  | those (far)  | E anai booro.<br>takes                 |
| 10. | these        | E noori m'angko.<br>see cups           |
| 11. | those (near) | E uoti nako buun.<br>took away spoons  |
| 12. | those (far)  | Ko uniki aroka.<br>plant plants        |
| 13. | these        | I tangiri aoranti.<br>oranges          |
| 14. | those (near) | I tangiri b'anaanaa.<br>bananas        |
| 15. | those (far)  | A kang aaboro.<br>eat apples           |
| 16. | these        | Ti kauki booki.<br>open books          |
| 17. | those (near) | Kam katei auti.<br>build houses        |
| 18. | those (far)  | A beenii auti.<br>paint                |
| 19. | these        | I takaakaro ma ataei.<br>play children |
| 20. | those (far)  | I reireiniia ataei.<br>teach           |

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- C. Change the demonstratives in the following sentences from this to that, these to those:

ex: E buubura te taibora aei. = E buubura te taibora aanne.  
       big                  table

1. E a reke te boki aei.  
   gotten book
2. A boou auti aikai.  
   new houses
3. E a mka te auti aei.  
   rotten
4. A kukurei ataei aikai.  
   happy children
5. Ti kooka te kaa aei.  
   push
6. A bootaki unimm'aane aikai.  
   gather old men
7. E kanoaa te b'aketi aei.  
   fills bucket
8. A ngarengare aiine aikai.  
   laugh women
9. Katuka te booro aei.  
   leave
10. Kabooi mooa aikai.  
   buy chickens
11. I unika te kai aei.  
   plant tree
12. Ko korei kaai aikai.  
   cut trees
13. E korea te ara aei.  
   writes name
14. E koroboki n te boki aei.  
   writes book
15. I ira te aiine aei.  
   go with
16. Ko a nikiriia raom aikai.  
   drop off your friends
17. I kiitana te aiine aei.  
   leave woman
18. Anganna booki aikai.  
   give him
19. E anganai te batia aei.  
   gave me parcel
20. Kanakoi batia aikai ningaabong.  
   send tomorrow

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D. Written. Translate into Kiribati:

1. I bought this book.

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2. She brought these books to school.

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3. We visited that house.

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4. He lived in that house there.

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5. I don't like those boys.

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6. I hate those women there.

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7. She lives in this house.

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8. I know that boy.

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9. I spoke to that man there.

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10. Mother gave me these pencils.

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11. Throw those papers away.

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12. Do not touch those books there.

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