



25 THIS THESE/ THAT THOSE LITTLE INCONVENIENCE

Wentworth: What's that? What on earth happened?

Sarah: I bought that shower gel earlier and put it in my bag. I saw my friends at the café, took the bus, came to class and sat down on my seat and when I left my bag on the table, I realized there was big wet stain at the bottom of it. I took out my phone, pc, documents and make up. And there it was, and drooling over...

Wentworth: Do you need any tissues?

Sarah: I'm fine, thanks. I always have paper hankies with me but this is bothersome... I need to rewrite those documents... I can't believe this is happening...

Wentworth: Don't get upset! Relax and breathe. Never mind! It happened to me once with wash liquid. I remember I had bought those blackcurrant muffins. Thank God they had good packaging! I mean, plastic. I had also bought zucchini. I had put everything in the same carrier bag... I peeled the zucchini as soon as I reached home and made a ratatouille. Fortunately for me, they didn't smell or taste like wash liquid!

Sarah: To this day, it had never happened to me. I always pay attention.

Wentworth: That's not the end of the world. If it were coffee, it would have spilled everywhere and stained everything. Your documents would be ruined.

Sarah: I guess so. Can I put this here? I'll go wash my hands, I'll be back.

Wentworth: As I said, no worries.

Sarah: Thank you.



LITTLE INCONVENIENCE	To believe
What on Earth... ?	To happen
To happen	To get upset
To buy/bought/bought	To breather
shower	NEVER MIND !
A shower gel	To happen to someone
To put/put/put	once
Earlier	Wash liquid
In my bag	To remember
To see/saw/seen	HAD BOUGHT= pluperfect of 'buy'
A café (the place)	blackcurrant
To take/took/taken	Thank God...
To come/came/come	packaging
To sit/sat/sat (down)	To mean
On my seat	also
To leave/left/left	Zucchini (US)/ Courgette(UK)
To realize	Everything=all
A stain	A carrier bag
wet	To peel

At the bottom	As soon as
To take out	To reach home
A phone	To make
A pc	FORTUNATELY
A document	To smell
Make up	To taste
To drool	like
over	'to this day'
A tissue	To pay attention
A paper hanky = a tissue	To spill (i would have spilled)
bothersome	stained
To rewrite	ruined
Those= plural of 'that'	I guess so
	As I said
	No worries !



Grammar: DEMONSTRATIVES

1/ DEMONSTRATIVE ADJECTIVES

We use them with nouns to show proximity

a) **THIS** and **THESE**

THIS and **THESE** refer to things or people **near in space and time**.

This is singular. Its plural equivalent is **THESE**.

Example :

This year, I'm going to South America - near in time

These pens are mine - near in distance

Common phrases : these days / to this day

b) THAT and THOSE

i) far in distance and time

THAT and THOSE refer to things or people far in distance and time.

THAT is singular. Its plural equivalent is THOSE.

Example :

That day, we went to the forest - far in time

Those dogs are my neighbours' - far in distance

ii) THAT and THOSE as a second reference

THAT and THOSE can also refer to something that someone referred to before.

Example :

- 'Let's eat pizza!

- 'that's a good idea!' ('that' is a reference to 'let's eat pizza')

iii) Negative connotation

They can also have a negative connotation.

That man is really rude

Those kids are annoying

2/ DEMONSTRATIVE PRONOUNS

Demonstrative pronouns can stand alone.

a) This and these

This and these refer to elements which are nearby in space and time.

We usually use this to introduce new people.

Example:

This is great.

That was nice.

This is Sheila and this is James.

b) That and those

That and those still refer to elements which are far in space and time.

These are perfect !

I don't want those