



The difference between `**this**` and
`**it**`

Grammar lesson (A1)

- This is a football.
- It is a football.
- This is my football; it is new.

The difference between ****this**** and ****it****

Infographic comparing the usage of 'this' versus 'it' in English grammar, with examples and explanations, provided by test-english.com.



When do we use ****this****?

- You can use [**this**](<https://test-english.com/grammar-points/a1/this-that-these-those/>) to talk about something near you. It is like pointing your finger at something in front of you.
- **_This** cat is cute._ (The cat is right there with you.)
- **_This** is my house._ (The house in front of you.)
- **_I think this** jacket is perfect for you._
- You can also use **this** to introduce a person to another one or to introduce yourself on a phone call.
- **_This** is my brother John._
- **_Hello, this** is Linda._ (On the phone)

Plural of 'this'

- The plural form of **this** is **these**.
- **_These** are my brothers, John and Edward._

When do we use **it**?

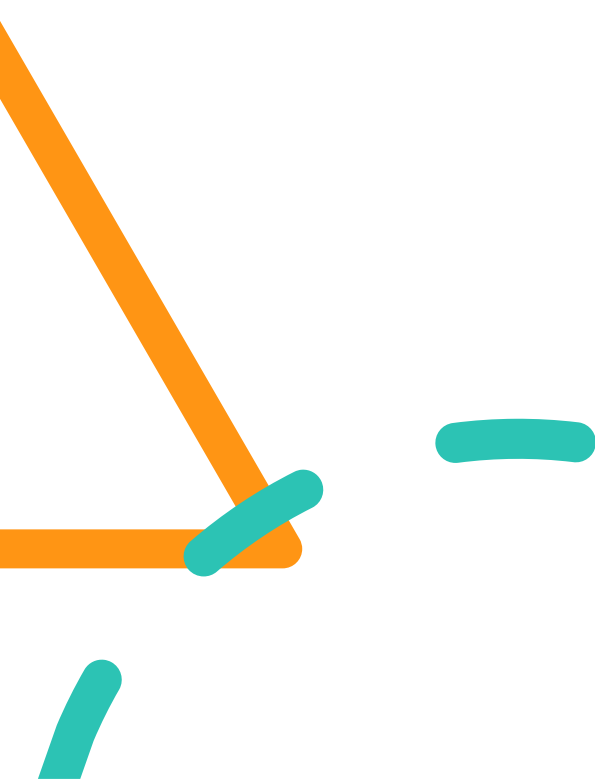
- To talk about something again
- We use **it** to talk about something that we mentioned, or that is known. **It** is a [pronoun](https://test-english.com/grammar-points/a1/object-pronouns/), like **he** or **she**, but we use **he** or **she** to talk about people, and we use **it** to talk about objects or animals.
- _This cat is cute. **It** is sleeping._
- _This is my house. I bought **it** last year._
- Apart from objects or animals, we can also use **it** to refer to a situation or idea mentioned before.
- _There was a storm, and they cancelled the concert. **It** was a disaster._ (**It** refers to the storm and the cancelling of the concert)

Times, dates, weather, distance

- [**It**](<https://test-english.com/grammar-points/a1/there-it/>) is used to talk about times, dates, weather, and distances.
- **_It's** very late._
- **_**"What day is **it**?" **"It's** Tuesday."**_**
- **_It** was sunny yesterday._
- **_It's** not very far from here._



****It's** + adjective + **to**-infinitive**

- It's nice to see you again._
 - It's easy to get lost in this part of the city._
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****It's** + adjective + **that**...**

- **_It's** important that you learn this._

