

Basic demonstratives — identify and understand

Level: A1 · 25 min

Objective

By the end, you will choose *ky* or *kjo* before several common singular nouns.

Discover

Observe: *ky libër* / *kjo shtëpi*. Does the demonstrative change with the noun's gender?

Understand

Ky and *kjo* point to a nearby person or thing: *ky* with a masculine singular noun, *kjo* with a feminine singular noun. *Ky libër* = this book; *kjo shtëpi* = this house.

Examples

- *ky libër*
- *ky djalë*
- *ky autobus*
- *kjo shtëpi*
- *kjo vajzë*
- *kjo kafe*

Remember

Nearby masculine singular: *ky*. Nearby feminine singular: *kjo*. E.g. *ky libër*, *kjo shtëpi*.

Exercises

1. For “Basic demonstratives”, sort the items using the lesson rule.

2. “*ky libër*”: which category does it belong to?

ky • *kjo*

3. “*ky djalë*”: which category does it belong to?

ky • *kjo*

4. “*ky autobus*”: which category does it belong to?

ky • *kjo*

5. “*kjo shtëpi*”: which category does it belong to?

kjo • *ky*

6. “*kjo vajzë*”: which category does it belong to?

kjo • *ky*

7. “*kjo kafe*”: which category does it belong to?

kjo • *ky*

8. Complete correctly: ___ *libër*

9. Complete correctly: ___ *djalë*

10. Complete correctly: ___ *autobus*

11. Complete correctly: ___ *shtëpi*

12. Complete correctly: ___ *vajzë*

13. Complete correctly: ___ *kafe*

14. For “Basic demonstratives”: match each item to the correct category.

15. Complete this “Basic demonstratives” example: “*ky* _____”

16. Rebuild this “Basic demonstratives” sentence in a natural order.

djalë / *ky*

17. Complete this “Basic demonstratives” example: “*ky* _____”

18. Rebuild this "Basic demonstratives" sentence in a natural order.

shtëpi / kjo

19. Complete this "Basic demonstratives" example: "kjo ____"

20. Rebuild this "Basic demonstratives" sentence in a natural order.

kafe / kjo

21. Complete this "Basic demonstratives" example: "ky ____"

22. Rebuild this "Basic demonstratives" sentence in a natural order.

djalë / ky

Answer key

1. ky libër ky; ky djalë ky; ky autobus ky; kjo shtëpi kjo; kjo vajzë kjo; kjo kafe kjo

Each item is sorted using the exact criterion introduced in the lesson.

2. ky

"ky libër" belongs to the category "ky".

3. ky

"ky djalë" belongs to the category "ky".

4. ky

"ky autobus" belongs to the category "ky".

5. kjo

"kjo shtëpi" belongs to the category "kjo".

6. kjo

"kjo vajzë" belongs to the category "kjo".

7. kjo

"kjo kafe" belongs to the category "kjo".

8. ky

The expected form is "ky".

9. ky

The expected form is "ky".

10. ky

The expected form is "ky".

11. kjo

The expected form is "kjo".

12. kjo

The expected form is "kjo".

13. kjo

The expected form is "kjo".

14. ky libër ky; ky djalë ky; kjo shtëpi kjo; kjo vajzë kjo

The matches use the categories practised in the lesson.

15. libër

The missing word is "libër". Full sentence: "ky libër".

16. ky djalë

The rebuilt sentence is: "ky djalë".

17. autobus

The missing word is "autobus". Full sentence: "ky autobus".

18. kjo shtëpi

The rebuilt sentence is: "kjo shtëpi".

19. vajzë

The missing word is "vajzë". Full sentence: "kjo vajzë".

20. kjo kafe

The rebuilt sentence is: "kjo kafe".

21. libër

The missing word is "libër". Full sentence: "ky libër".

22. ky djalë

The rebuilt sentence is: "ky djalë".