

Advanced “Ask Me” Experiment

Asker: _____

Director: _____

Instructions

Demonstratives are words like *this*, *that*, *este*, *ese*, and *aquel*. They’re some of the most frequent words in every language. But not everyone uses them the same way. To find out how you use demonstratives, complete this worksheet with a partner.

Together, mark your starting spot. Then, measure 3 feet away and mark your second spot. Finally, measure 3 more feet and mark your third spot.

Now, decide who will be the Asker, and who will be the Director.

The Asker’s Job

Stand on the first spot you marked. When the Director moves the items they picked and says, “Ask me,” answer saying either “Is *this* yours?” or “Is **that** yours?” There’s no right answer. Say what feels natural.

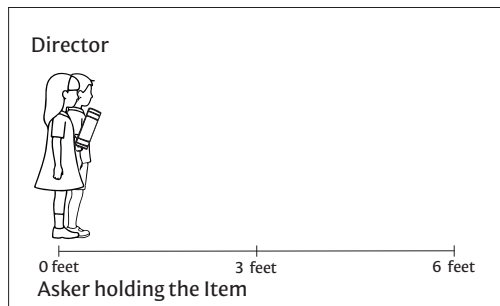
If you’re using Spanish, say “¿Este es tuyo?”, “¿Ese es tuyo?” or “¿Aquel es tuyo?”

The Director’s Job

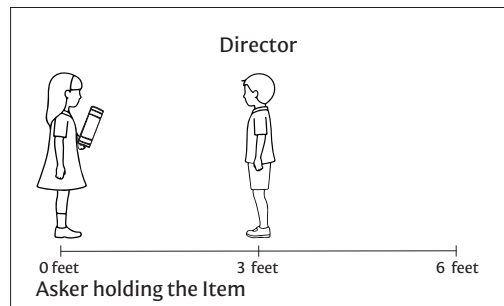
Pick an item, like a book or a water bottle. For each picture below, put the item on the matching spot and stand where it shows you to stand. When you’re at the right spot, say to the Asker, “Ask me.”

When they answer, write the word they used (*this*, *that*, *este*, *ese*, or *aquel*) on the line below the picture.

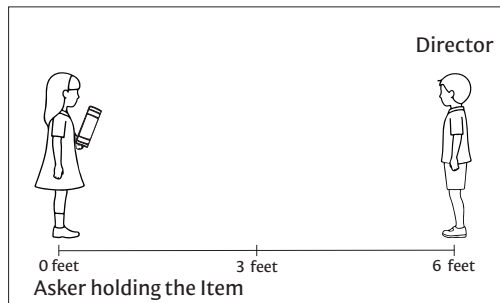
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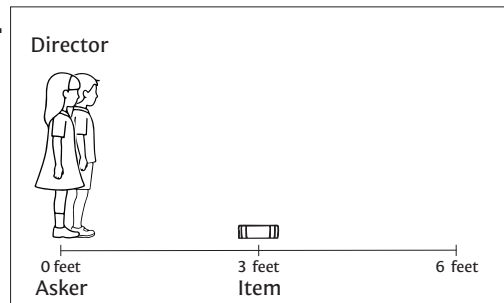
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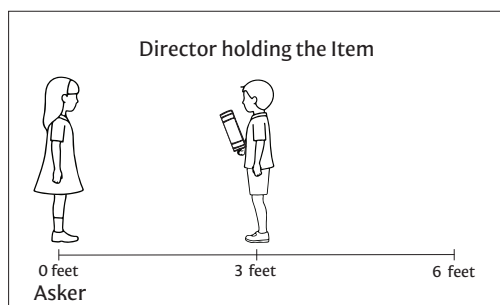
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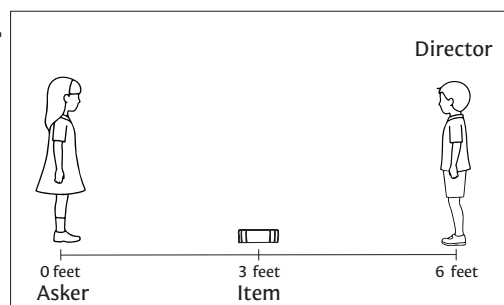
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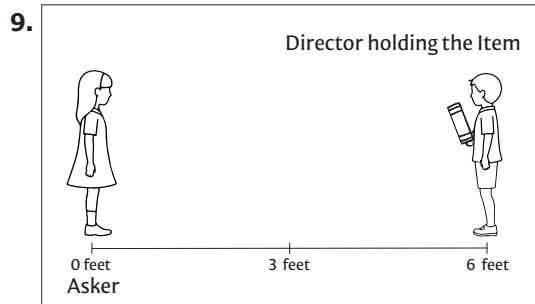
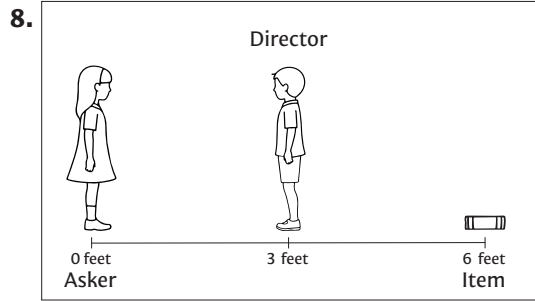
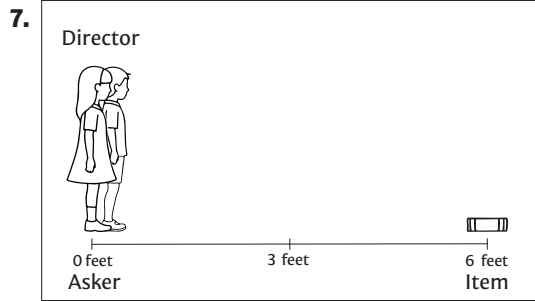


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Reflection

Which word did you use each time? Did you use different words even when the item was in the same place? Why do you think that is? Do you think everyone uses the same words you did?
