

# “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.

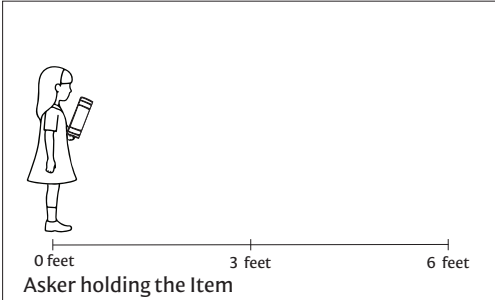
If you’re using Spanish, say “¿Este es tuyo?”, “¿Ese es tuyo?” or “¿Aquel es tuyo?”

### The Director’s Job

Pick two items, like a book and a water bottle. For each picture below, put the item on the matching spot. Then, stand next to the Asker. Say, “Ask me.”

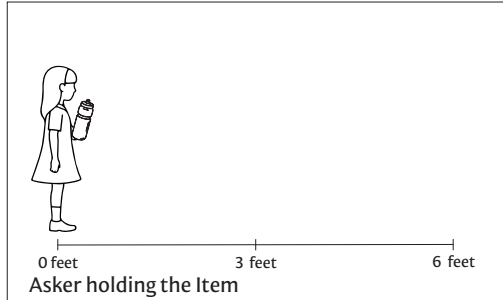
When they answer, write the word they used (*this*, *that*, *este*, *ese*, or *aquel*) on the line below the picture.

## Item 1

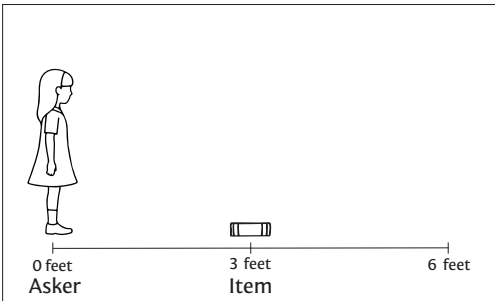
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Asker holding the Item

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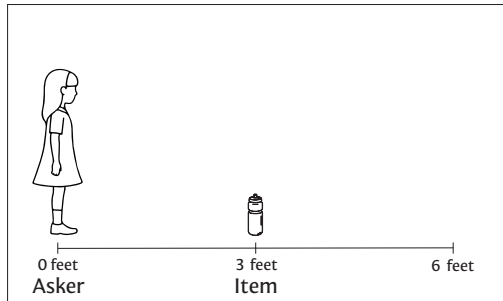
## Item 2

4.   
Asker holding the Item

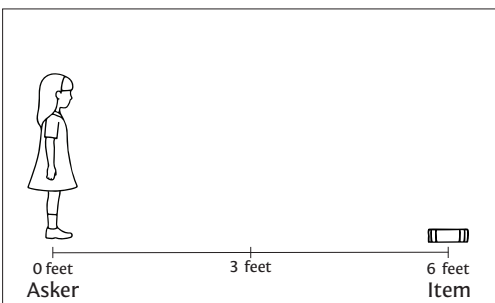
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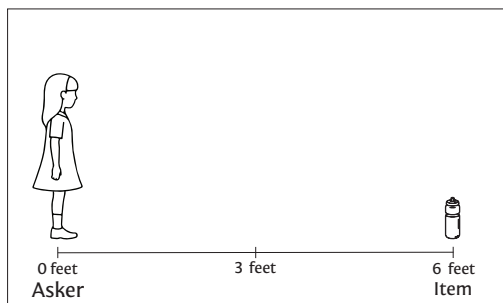
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5.   
Asker                      Item

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3.   
Asker                                      Item

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6.   
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**Reflection**

Which word did you use each time? Why did you use different words? Do you think everyone uses the same words you did?

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