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Demonstratives

1. In the village where I grew up, there's **this** old house that's been deserted for years.
2. I won't tolerate **that** type of attitude and I told him so!
3. - Their new drone has a longer battery life. **Those** that were sold before 2023 suffered from limited range.
- **Those** who choose to live in the country will see the value of their houses fall.
4. - **This new book of his** is a real page turner!
- **That son of hers** is an absolute monster!

1. *this/these (that/those)* + noun/noun phrase is used to introduce new information and replace words like *a/an* and *some*. They are used to highlight the importance of the noun/noun phrase to the following narrative and to bring the listener into the story.
2. *that/those* + noun/ noun phrase is used to convey emotional distance, displeasure or disapproval.
3. *those* is used in a more formal register to mean *the ones* and is commonly followed by a defining relative clause. In sentences where no clear context exists, it is generally assumed that *those* means 'people'.
4. *this/that/these/those* + noun + of + possessive is used to highlight a positive or negative aspect.

Rewrite the underlined part so the sentence using a demonstrative.

1. We were at a total loss as to how to continue but her idea was exactly the inspiration we needed.
2. Talent is important but the people who work the hardest are most likely to succeed.
3. I have a friend who is always coming up with brilliant ideas for things to do at the weekend.
4. Early subscriptions will be priced at 15 euros, but this price is only available to customers who sign up before 1st January.
5. They're great neighbours but their cat is revolting and keeps breaking into our garden and harassing the rabbit.

Complete the text with the correct demonstrative.

There's (1) _____ old man who lives at the bottom of our street. Ever since his wife died, he's been in a permanently bad mood. He walks around with (2) _____ horrible expression of his, glaring at anyone he passes. My village is not really one of (3) _____ places where people are happy to leave you be either and (4) _____ who insist on trying to talk to him usually give up in the end. But there's (5) _____ one woman who just won't be put off and over the years he seems to finally have warmed to her. I think she's the only person he'll talk to in a pleasant tone.

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1. that idea of hers
2. those
3. this friend of mine
4. those
5. that cat of theirs

1. this
2. this/that
3. those
4. those
5. this



Answers

1. She is still getting used to living
2. My brother didn't use to eat
3. to get used to driving
4. 😊 correct
5. 😊 correct
6. Paul used to have
7. I can't get used to working
8. She used to play
9. 😊 correct
10. I don't usually travel

1. get used to sleeping
2. used to have
3. didn't/did not use to speak
4. getting used to living
5. used to be
6. get used to driving
7. didn't use to have
8. am used to having
9. use to work
10. used to be

