

Find the mistakes

Aims

Identify errors in use of demonstratives, articles *a* and *an*, and plurals.

Language focus

Grammar

Demonstratives; articles *a* and *an*; plurals

Set-up

Pair work

Lesson link

For use after Unit 3, Lesson A

Time

20 minutes

Preparation

Duplicate one copy of the worksheet for each pair.

Answer Key

Mistake

- 1 A: Hey, are these your phone?
- 2 B: It's a eraser.
- 3 A: Are these dictionaries?
- 4 A: Is this my sunglasses?
- 5 A: Is this a Korean book?
- 6 A: Thanks. Are these Japanese?
- 7 B: It's a umbrella.
- 8 A: Hey! Are those my books?

Correction

- 1 A: Hey, **is this** your phone?
- 2 B: It's **an** eraser.
- 3 A: Are **those** dictionaries?
- 4 A: **Are these** my sunglasses?
- 5 A: Is **that** a Korean book?
- 6 A: Thanks. **Is this** Japanese?
- 7 B: It's **an** umbrella.
- 8 A: Hey! Are **these** my books?

Procedure

1. Tell students they are going to read eight dialogues. Each dialogue has one mistake in it. They will work in pairs to find the mistakes.
2. Put students in pairs and distribute worksheets, one for each pair. Give students some time to read the dialogues. Make sure everyone understands that each dialogue goes with the picture above it.
3. Read the first dialogue. Elicit that there's a mistake in the line *Hey, are these your phone?* It should be ... *is this your phone?* Make sure everyone understands why. (Reason: *your phone* is singular, so the verb and the demonstrative in the question should be singular. Only one phone is shown in the picture, so changing to *phones* would not be logical.)
4. Have pairs work together to find and correct the mistakes in the rest of the dialogues.
5. As students are working, walk around to monitor the activity and help as needed. Make note of any errors or problems to review later.
6. Go over the answers with the whole class. Have students read the corrected dialogues aloud in pairs.

Find the mistakes

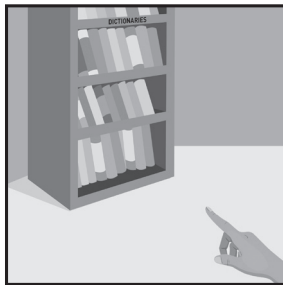


is this

1. A: Hey, are these your phone?
B: Yes. Thank you!



2. A: What's this?
B: It's a eraser.



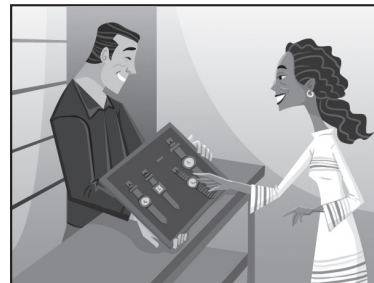
3. A: Are these dictionaries?
B: Yes, they are.



4. A: Is this my sunglasses?
B: No, they're *my* sunglasses.



5. A: Is this a Korean book?
B: No, it's a Chinese book.



6. A: These are our watches.
B: Thanks. Are these Japanese?



7. A: What is this?
B: It's a umbrella.



8. A: Hey! Are those my books?
B: Oh, yes. Sorry!