

Absolute beginner #10 - Swedish demonstrative pronouns

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LESSON CONTENT

- **Det här är Anna.**

Hon kommer från Finland.

- **Hon är 19 år gammal.**

Hon bor och studerar i Lund.

Demonstrative pronouns

Swedish has several so-called demonstrative pronouns. These are words that you use to point something out, just like

this
and

that
in English.

The ones used most commonly in neutral and formal texts are

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and

. This form lacks a variant corresponding to

that
/

those
in English.

However, in spoken Swedish and less formal text, you are more likely to come across the variants

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as well as

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As opposed to

, this pattern

does have

a variant that is used for

that

/

those

:

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and

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In writing (etc.) is followed by the noun's indefinite form, as you can see in the examples. However, in the south-western Swedish dialects, it's actually more common to use this as the only variant in both speech and writing but together with the definite form of the noun.

Listening to the example one can hear that (they) is pronounced . Don't let this throw you off. This is the most common pronunciation of this word in contemporary Swedish.