

2.5- Plural Demonstrative Pronouns "Bunlar, Şunlar, Onlar"

"**Bunlar**" (these) is generally used to point or refer the things that are close to you. "Bunlar" can be also used for the things that has just been mentioned in a conversation or a text.

"**Şunlar**"(those) must be used for the things at a considerable distance. Şunlar can be used to direct the listener's attention towards the things not previously mentioned during the conversation. But as soon as the listener notices the things referred to, both of the speakers have to begin to use the demonstrative pronoun "**Bunlar**"

Please be careful with using the demonstrative pronoun "**Şunlar**", because sometimes "**Şunlar**" may have a slightly derogatory meaning in daily life. Thus, we must be especially careful when we put it in a sentence to point the people that we do not know. But the demonstrative pronoun "**Şunlar**" can be used for the things in any situation.

"**Onlar**" (those) must be used for the things that are far away. This demonstrative pronoun is also used as a personal pronoun to "**they**" in Turkish. The difference between "şunlar" and "onlar" can be hard to understand for the foreign people. Our suggestion is to use "onlar". Native speakers use "şunlar" seldom. "Onlar" can replace "şunlar" in every situation, but do not try the reverse because "şunlar" cannot always replace "onlar".

Bunlar, Şunlar and Onlar are almost always used with singular nouns when there are no adjectives in the sentences.

Now, please have a look at the examples in the table below and practice pronouncing them.

TURKISH	ENGLISH	TURKISH	ENGLISH
Bunlar ev	These are houses	Bunlar çocuk	These are children
Bunlar soru	These are questions	Onlar insan	Those are people
Onlar araba	Those are cars	Bunlar cevap	These are answers
Şunlar oda	Those are rooms	Şunlar elma	Those are apples
Onlar yıldız	Those are stars	Onlar ağaç	Those are trees

2.6- Saying "What are these ?" "Bunlar ne ?, Bunlar nedir ?" "What are those ?" "Onlar ne ?, Onlar nedir?"

There are two forms of saying "**What are these**" in Turkish language. In everyday conversation people generally say "**Bunlar ne ?**" which is informal and less polite than saying "**Bunlar nedir ?**". The demonstrative pronoun "**Bunlar**" can be changed with "**Şunlar** or **Onlar**" in order to say "**What are those**" "**Şunlar ne**" or "**Onlar ne**"

Now please have a look at the first five examples in the table below and create your own questions and answers putting the words in a correct order in the table at the next page.

KELİMELER/WORDS	CÜMLELER/SENTENCES	İSİMLER/NOUNS	ANLAMLAR/MEANINGS
Bunlar/ne/kedi	Bunlar ne? Bunlar kedi	Kedi	Cat
Onlar/ne/gemi	Onlar ne? Onlar gemi	Gemi	Ship
Şunlar/ne/köpek	Şunlar ne? Onlar köpek	Köpek	Dog
Şunlar/ne/oda	Şunlar ne? Onlar oda	Oda	Room
Onlar/ne/yıldız	Onlar ne? Onlar yıldız	Yıldız	Star