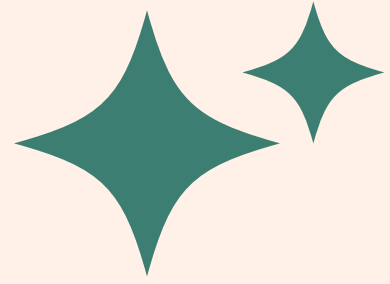




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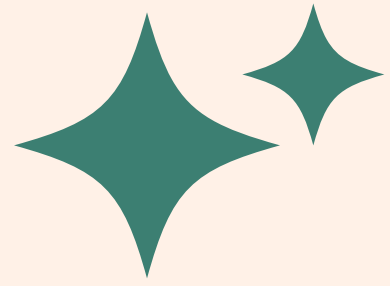


That – How and When to Use It

What is "That"?

- "That" is a pronoun, determiner, or conjunction depending on how it's used in a sentence.

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Different Uses of "That":

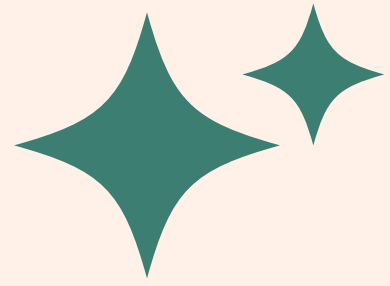
As a Demonstrative Pronoun
When referring to a specific thing
that is not near you (something
further away in distance or time).

Examples:

That is my book over there.

Who owns that?

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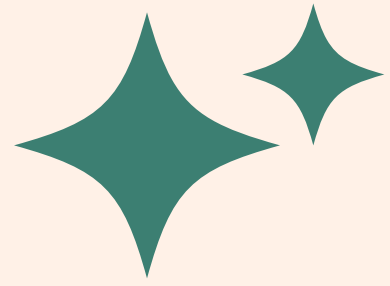
Different Uses of "That":

As a Relative Pronoun

"That" introduces a relative clause (a part of the sentence that gives more information about the noun). It connects the main clause and the relative clause.

Examples:

- The movie that we watched was amazing.
- This is the house that Jack built.



That – How and When to Use It

Different Uses of "That":

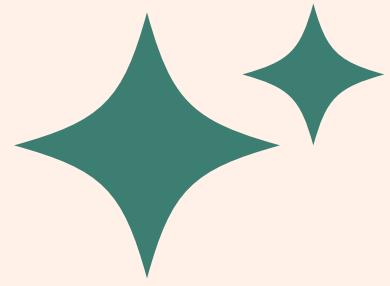
As a Determiner

To specify which thing you are talking about, often followed by a noun.

Examples:

- I don't like that song.
- Can you pass me that pen?

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That – How and When to Use It

Different Uses of "That":

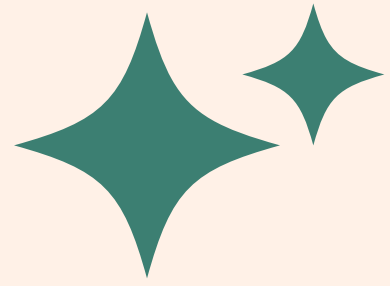
As a Conjunction

To introduce a clause, often when reporting speech or thoughts.

Examples:

- She said that she would come.
- I believe that you are right.

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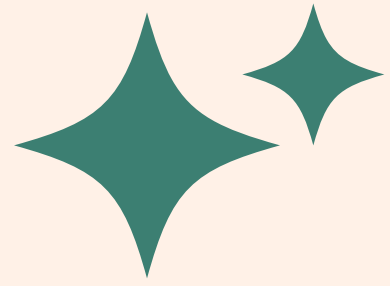


What – How and When to Use It

What is "What"?

"What" is an interrogative pronoun, a relative pronoun, or a determiner depending on the context.

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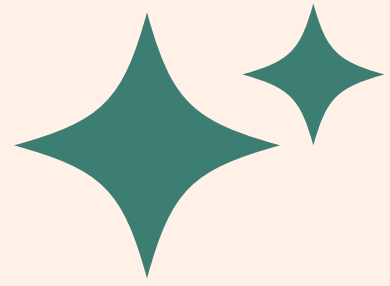
Different Uses of "What":

As an Interrogative Pronoun
To ask questions about things.

Examples:

- What is your favorite color?
- What do you want to eat?

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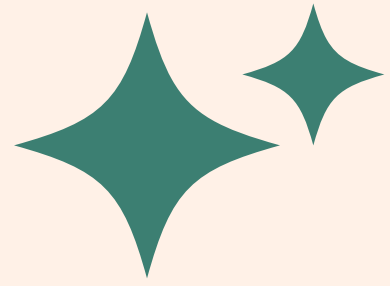
Different Uses of "What":

As a Relative Pronoun

To introduce a clause that tells more about a thing. It often means "the thing that" or "that which."

Examples:

- I didn't hear what you said.
- She gave me what I needed.



What – How and When to Use It

Different Uses of "What":

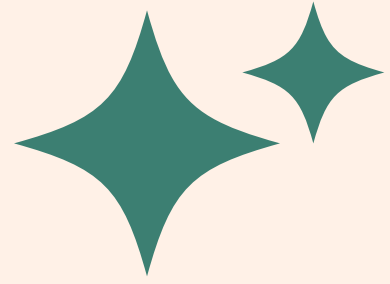
As an Exclamative

To express surprise, admiration, or strong emotion.

Examples:

- What a beautiful view!
- What an incredible performance!

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What – How and When to Use It

Different Uses of "What":

As a Determiner

To ask for specific information when paired with a noun.

Examples:

- What time is the meeting?
- What book are you reading?

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Feature

Function

Types of Clauses

Position

Meaning

That

Refers to a specific thing or connects clauses

Relative clauses (e.g., the book that I read)

Often used after a noun or verb

Refers to something already known or mentioned

What

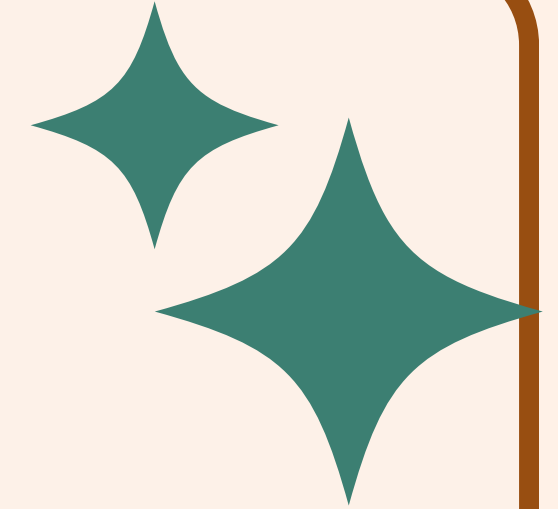
Used to ask questions or introduce clauses

Relative or question clauses (e.g., I know what you need)

Often used at the beginning of a sentence

Refers to the thing that is unknown

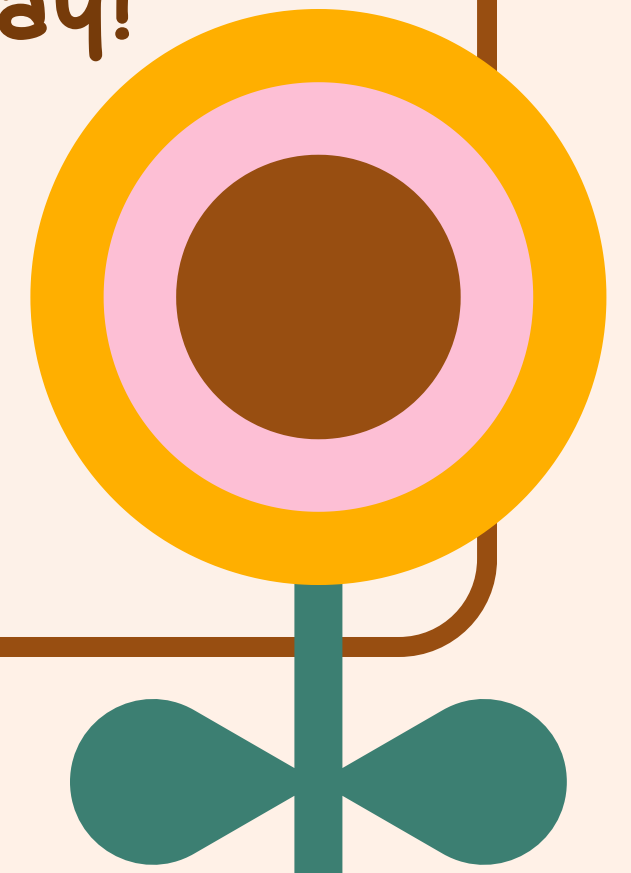
Practice Exercises



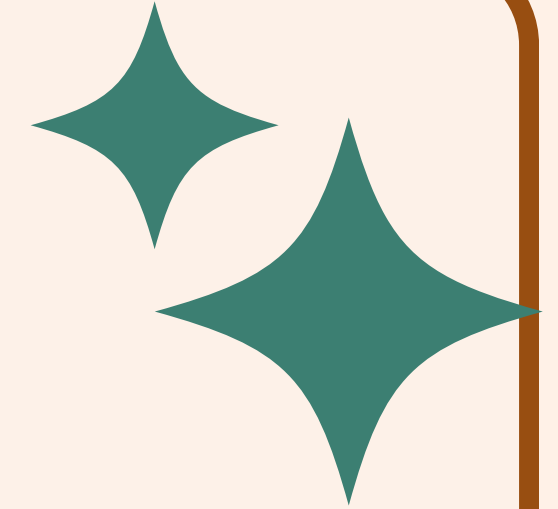
Exercise 1: Fill in the Blank

1. _____ is your favorite movie?
2. The gift _____ you gave me was perfect.
3. I believe _____ she said was true.
4. _____ beautiful weather we're having today!

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Practice Exercises



Exercise 2: Identify the function

Determine whether "that" or "what" is used as a demonstrative pronoun, relative pronoun, determiner, or conjunction in the following sentences:

1. I don't understand what you are saying.
2. Please give me that book.
3. She thinks that he will win.
4. He found the keys that he lost.

