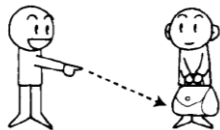


## The KOSOADO system

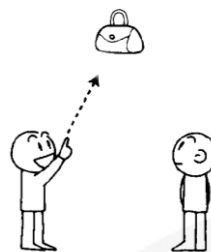
- is a system of demonstrative expressions stating various distances from the speaker and listener
- particular prefix always represents particular distance



KONO – this (thing)  
KORE – this  
KOKO – here  
KOČIRA – here, this way



SONO – that (thing)  
SORE – that  
SOKO – there  
SOČIRA – there, that way



ANO – that (thing) over there  
ARE – that over there  
ASOKO – over there  
AČIRA – over there, that way there



DONO – which (thing)  
DORE – which  
DOKO – where  
DOČIRA – where, what way

**KO** → close to the speaker and the listener OR close to the speaker and slightly afar from the listener

**SO** → slightly afar from the speaker and listener OR slightly afar from the speaker and close to the listener

**A** → far from the speaker and the listener

**DO** → used for interrogatives

## Asking about things and direction

*Kore wa nan desu ka?*

What is this?

*Toire wa doko desu ka?*

Where is the toilet?