Like English, Kiribati uses a set of demonstrative pronouns to indicate the relative location of nouns. In English there are only two degrees of distance, near and far: this and that. Kiribati distinguishes three degrees of distance:

- aei  this (near me)
- aanne  that (near you)
- aarei  that (far from us)

Both English and Kiribati mark plurals:

- aikai  these (near me)
- akanne  those (near you)
- akekei  those (far from us)

They are used following the noun:

- te boki aei  this book (near me)
- te boki aanne  that book (near you)
- te boki aarei  that book (far from us)

- booki aikai  these books (near me)
- booki akanne  those books (near you)
- booki akekei  those books (far from us)

Besides locative distance, these pronouns may indicate temporal (time) distance:

- te bong aei  today (this day)
- te bong aarei  that day (not today)

As in English, the demonstratives may be used to refer to that which has just been mentioned:

- I noora te boki ae e uraura.  I see the red book.
- E matenten te boki aanne.  That book is thick.

(Note: In actual practice you will be able to get along with just the two extremes, near me, and far from us, using the Kiribati more like English this/that.)
A. Change the nouns in the following sentences to the demonstrative form indicated:

ex: this    I wareka te boki.
         I wareka te boki aei.

1. this    I orea to booro.
          hit    ball
2. that (near) I kauka te mataora.
        open    door
3. that (far) I kabooa te kariki.
        buy    bread
4. this    I taua te boki.
        hold    book
5. that (near) I wareka te boki.
        read
6. that (far) Ko anaa te boki.
        take
7. this    E karekea te ika.
          get    fish
8. that (near) A katea te auti.
        build    house
9. that (far) A toka n te kaa.
        ride    car
10. this    E tang te aiine.
           cry    woman
11. that (near) E tang te aiine.
12. that (far) E tang te aiine.
13. this    E kukurei te teei.
          happy    child
14. that (near) E un te teei.
        angry
15. that (far) E anene te teei.
        sings
16. this    Ko kaitiaka te auti.
          clean    house
17. that (near) Ko mooi n te m'angko.
        drink    cup
18. that (far) Ko urua te boki.
        tear
19. this    E aoraki te aiine.
        sick
20. that (far) E marurung te aiine.
        healthy
B. Change the nouns in the following sentences to the indicated demonstrative forms:

1. these  E kam'ai iika.  cook  fish
2. those (near)  I uoti been.  bring coconuts
3. those (far)  E uoti been.
4. these  E kabooi kariki.  buy  bread
5. those (near)  Ti kaei beeki.  chase pigs
6. those (far)  E booti baene.  gathered baskets
7. these  I kanoai b'aketi.  fill  buckets
8. those (near)  E tangiri booro.  wants balls
9. those (far)  E anai booro.  takes
10. these  E noori m'angko.  see  cups
11. those (near)  E uoti nako buun.  took away spoons
12. those (far)  Ko uniki aroka.  plant plants
13. these  I tangiri aoranti.  oranges
14. those (near)  I tangiri b'anaanaa.  bananas
15. those (far)  A kang aaboro.  eat  apples
16. these  Ti kauki booki.  open books
17. those (near)  Kam katei auti.  build houses
18. those (far)  A beenii auti.  paint
19. these  I takaakaro ma ataei.  play  children
20. those (far)  I reireiniia ataei.  teach
C. Change the demonstratives in the following sentences from this to that, these to those:

ex: E buubura te taibora aei. = E buubura te taibora aanne.
    big table

1. E a reke te boki aei.
   gotten book
2. A boou auti aikai.
   new houses
3. E a mka te auti aei.
   rotten
4. A kukurei ataei aikai.
   happy children
5. Ti kooka te kaa aei.
   push
6. A bootaki unimm'aane aikai.
   gather old men
7. E kanoaa te b'aketi aei.
   fills bucket
8. A ngarengare aiine aikai.
   laugh women
   leave
    buy chickens
11. I unika te kai aei.
    plant tree
12. Ko korei kaai aikai.
    cut trees
13. E korea te ara aei.
    writes name
14. E koroboki n te boki aei.
    writes book
15. I iira te aiine aei.
    go with
    drop off your friends
17. I kiitana te aiine aei.
    leave woman
18. Anganna booki aikai.
    give him
19. E anganai te batia aei.
    gave me parcel
    send tomorrow
D. Written. Translate into Kiribati:

1. I bought this book.

2. She brought these books to school.

3. We visited that house.

4. He lived in that house there.

5. I don't like those boys.

6. I hate those women there.

7. She lives in this house.

8. I know that boy.

9. I spoke to that man there.

10. Mother gave me these pencils.

11. Throw those papers away.

12. Do not touch those books there.