



SPANISH DIRECT OBJECT PRONOUNS A QUICK & EASY GUIDE





DIRECT OBJECT PRONOUNS IN SPANISH

FIRST PERSON

SECOND PERSON

THIRD PERSON



Me Me



Te You (inf)



Lo - him/it La -her/it



Nos Us



Os - you (plural) Los/Las - you (plural)



Los - they Las - they

Note: 'lo', 'la' and their plural forms also replace things and animals.

FINDING A <u>DIRECT OBJECT</u> IN SPANISH



Chloe compró <u>el vestido amarillo</u>. Chloe bought <u>the yellow dress</u>.

Key Points

- Ask to the verb <u>what or whom</u>.
- Articles may <u>precede</u> a direct object.

What did Chloe buy? = The yellow dress

Chloe <u>lo</u> compró . Chloe bought <u>it</u>.

PLACING <u>DIRECT OBJECT PRONOUNS</u> IN SPANISH

BEFORE THE VERB

- Conjugated verbs.
- Perfect tenses.
- Negative commands.

Ya <u>la</u> vi. I already saw <u>it</u>.

La vamos a ver.

We're going to watch it.



ATTACHED TO THE VERB

- Affirmative commands.
- Infinitive verbs.
- Gerunds.

Ve<u>la</u>. Es una buena película. Watch <u>it</u>. It's a good movie.

Vamos a ver<u>la</u>. We're going to watch <u>it</u>.

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VERBS THAT WORK WITH DIRECT OBJECT PRONOUNS

Amar

To love

Comprar

To buy

Dejar

To leave

Esperar

To wait

Ayudar

To help

Conocer

To meet / To know

Despertar

To wake up

Hacer

To do / To make

Llevar

To take

Bañar

To bathe / To shower

Cuidar

To take care of

Encontrar

To find

Invitar

To invite

Mandar

To send

Buscar

To look for

Dar

To give

Escuchar

To listen to

Limpiar

To clean

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VERBS THAT WORK WITH DIRECT OBJECT PRONOUNS

Mover

To move

Necesitar

To need

Oír

To hear

Pedir

To ask / To order

Perder

To lose

Perdonar

To forgive

Preparar

To prepare

Querer

To want

Sacar

To take out

Saludar

To greet

Seguir

To follow

Tocar

To touch

Tomar

To take

Usar

To use

Ver

To see / To watch

Visitar

To visit

DIRECT VS <u>INDIRECT OBJECT</u> PRONOUNS

DIRECT OBJECT



John <u>los</u> pagó (los boletos). John pay <u>them</u> (the tickets).

INDIRECT OBJECT



John <u>le</u> pagó a la cajera. John payed <u>the cashier</u>.

KEY POINTS: DIRECT OBJECT PRONOUNS IN SPANISH

- Spanish direct object pronouns are <u>me</u>, <u>te</u>, <u>lo</u>, <u>la</u>, <u>nos</u>, <u>os</u>, <u>los</u>, and <u>las</u>.
- A direct object is a noun that <u>receives the</u> <u>action</u> of the verb. It can be a person, thing, or animal.
- Since they replace nouns, direct object pronouns <u>must agree</u> with the noun's gender and number.
- Direct object pronouns answer the questions "what" or "whom" is receiving this action (verb).

- Spanish direct object pronouns are always
 <u>placed in front</u> of the conjugated verb in
 sentences with one verb, <u>negative</u>
 <u>commands</u>, or when using perfect tenses.
- Spanish direct pronouns are always <u>attached</u> to affirmative commands, <u>infinitives</u>, or <u>gerunds</u>.
- With progressive tenses, Spanish direct object pronouns can be placed <u>before</u> the conjugated verb or <u>attached</u> to the infinitive verb.

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