Direct object pronouns

In English A direct object is the person or thing that receives the action of the verb. It answers the questions who(m)? or what?

I bought a book. (a book answers the question, What did I buy?)
I sent Craig home. (Craig answers the question, Who did I send home?)

To avoid repeating nouns that have already been mentioned, use direct object pronouns. They always come after the verb. The direct object pronouns are me, you, him, her, it, us, you, and them.

I have a new car. I showed it to you yesterday.
Brandi argues a lot with her mother, but she loves her very much.
The bedrooms are all untidy. You need to clean them up.

A Fill in the blanks with the correct direct object pronoun.

1. Fred knew where Brandon was, because he saw _______ at the rodeo.
2. We want to go to the concert. Dad said he would take _______ there.
3. Do you like my jacket? I bought _______ at that corner store.
4. When I like books very much, I read _______ over and over again.
5. My sister asked my parents if they would let _______ go on a class trip.
6. Nora talks about me, but she doesn’t know _______ very well at all.
7. Where were you? We missed _______ at the pep rally.

In Spanish. The direct object pronouns are also used to avoid repeating a direct object noun that has already been mentioned. These pronouns must agree with the nouns they stand for.

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Direct object pronouns go before the conjugated verb. They can be attached to the end of an infinitive or a present participle.

¿Quién lava los platos?
Sí, la estoy llamando ahora.

B Fill in the blanks with the correct direct object pronoun.

1. Federico sabe dónde está Bruno porque _______ vio en el rodeo.
2. Queremos ir al concierto, y papá _______ va a llevar allí.
3. ¿Te gusta mi chaqueta? _______ compré en aquella tienda.
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4. Cuando me gustan mucho los libros, _______ leo muchas veces.
5. Mi hermana quiere ir de viaje. Mis padres van a dejar _______ ir.
6. Nuria habla mucho de mí, pero no _______ conoce muy bien.
7. Mis amigos juegan al básquetbol; yo _______ veo jugar.
8. ¿Dónde estuviste ayer? No _______ vimos en la fiesta.

C Your dad is asking you about school life. Answer him using direct object pronouns and the words in parentheses. When there is an infinitive or present participle, answer in two ways by changing the position of the direct object pronoun.

1. ¿Estás estudiando la gramática española? (sí, ahora)
   Sí, la estoy estudiando ahora. / Sí, estoy estudiándola ahora.
2. ¿Vas a ver el partido del viernes? (no)
3. ¿Cuándo lees novelas? (en la clase de inglés)
4. ¿Dónde compras los libros para el colegio? (en la librería)
5. ¿Conoces a las hijas de mi vecino? (sí, bien)
6. ¿Vas a invitar a tus amigos a casa? (sí, el viernes)

D Translate the following into Spanish. Leave out the subject pronouns.
a. I see you. __________________________________________
b. You see her. ________________________________________
c. They see me. ________________________________________

What word comes first in the Spanish sentences? How is English different?