

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 him 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.

			MASCULINE	FEMININE
SINGULAR	me me	te you	lo him, it, you	la her, it, you
PLURAL	nos us	os you (pl)	los them, you	las them, you

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?

Mi hermano **los** lava.

¿Estás llamando a Nati?

Sí, **la** estoy llamando ahora.

No, no estoy llamándola ahora.

Voy a llamar**la** luego.

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

1. Federico sabe dónde está Bruno porque lo 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?

