

Pronombres Directos - Direct Object Pronouns

◆ The direct object receives the action of the verb. It answers the question "whom" or "what" after the verb. The direct object can be a noun or a pronoun.

-We ate tacos.	What did we eat?	Tacos.	Tacos is the direct object.
-They invited John.	Whom did they invite?	John.	John is the direct object.

◆ In English, nouns are replaced by pronouns. If we didn't have pronouns, we would have to keep repeating the noun, and our speech would become cumbersome. For example:

-Do you see John ?	-No, I don't see John .
-Did you call Mary and Ana ?	-No, I didn't call Mary and Ana .

With pronouns, we can simplify this.

-Do you see John ?	-Do you see him ?
-No, I don't see John .	-No, I don't see him .
-Did you call Mary and Ana ?	-Did you call them ?
-No, I didn't call Mary and Ana .	-No, I didn't call them .

◆ In Spanish, nouns are also replaced by pronouns. We have already learned the subject pronouns. There are also direct object pronouns. Study the following chart.

subject pronouns*		direct object pronouns	
yo	I	me	me
tú	you	te	you
él	he	lo	him; it (masc.)
ella	she	la	her; it (fem.)
usted	you	lo, la	you (masc. & fem.)
nosotros	we	nos	us
nosotras			
vosotros	you (pl.) familiar	os	you (pl) familiar
vosotras			
ellos	they	los	them - masculine
ellas		las	them - feminine
ustedes	you (pl.) formal	los, las	you (pl. m. & f.) formal

Using the noun	Substituting the pronoun
-Do you see John ? ¿Ves a Juan ?	-Do you see him ? ¿ Lo ves?
-No, I don't see John . No, no veo a Juan .	-No, I don't see him . No, no lo veo.
-Did you call Mary and Ana ? ¿Llamaste a María y a Ana ?	-Did you call them ? ¿ Las llamaste?
-No, I didn't call Mary and Ana . No, no llamé a María y a Ana .	-No, I didn't call them . No, no las llamé.
-Do you have the book ? ¿Tienes el libro ?	-Do you have it ? ¿ Lo tienes?
-Did you read the magazine ? ¿Leíste la revista ?	-Did you read it ? ¿ La leíste?