

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.

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| -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:

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| -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.

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| -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 | |
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| 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 |
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| -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? |