

## 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?	<b>Tacos.</b>	Tacos is the direct object.
-They invited John.	Whom did they invite?	<b>John.</b>	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 <b>John</b> ?	-No, I don't see <b>John</b> .
-Did you call <b>Mary and Ana</b> ?	-No, I didn't call <b>Mary and Ana</b> .

With pronouns, we can simplify this.

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

◆ 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	<b>me</b>	me
tú	you	<b>te</b>	you
él	he	<b>lo</b>	him; it (masc.)
ella	she	<b>la</b>	her; it (fem.)
usted	you	<b>lo, la</b>	you (masc. & fem.)
nosotros	we	<b>nos</b>	us
nosotras			
vosotros	you (pl.) familiar	<b>os</b>	you (pl) familiar
vosotras			
ellos	they	<b>los</b>	them - masculine
ellas		<b>las</b>	them - feminine
ustedes	you (pl.) formal	<b>los, las</b>	you (pl. m. & f.) formal

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