

Complementos Directos (Direct Objects)

Unidad 3, Etapa 3

Complementos Directos

- explanation of direct object pronouns in English
- direct object pronouns in English and Spanish
- placement of direct object pronouns in Spanish
- practice replacing the direct object with the pronoun
- practice answering questions with direct object pronouns

What does a direct object pronoun do?

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Do you see ~~the truck~~?
direct object

Yes, I see ~~it~~.

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Can you see ~~us~~?

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Yes, we can see ~~you~~.

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The following are the direct object pronouns in English:

The Spanish equivalents are as follows:

me = **me** **us** = **nos**

you (fam.) = **te**

you (form.) = **lo, la** **you (pl.)** = **los, las**

him, it(m.) = **lo** **them (m.)** = **los**

her, it(f.) = **la** **them (f.)** = **las**

Notice the placement of the direct object pronouns in Spanish:

I watch it.

verb

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Yo to miró.

direct
object
pronoun

verb

In English the direct object pronoun is placed after the verb. In Spanish it is usually put **before** the conjugated verb.

Notice the placement of the direct object pronouns in Spanish:

We watch you.

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verb

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Nosotros te miramos.

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direct
object
pronoun

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She sings them (*las canciones*).

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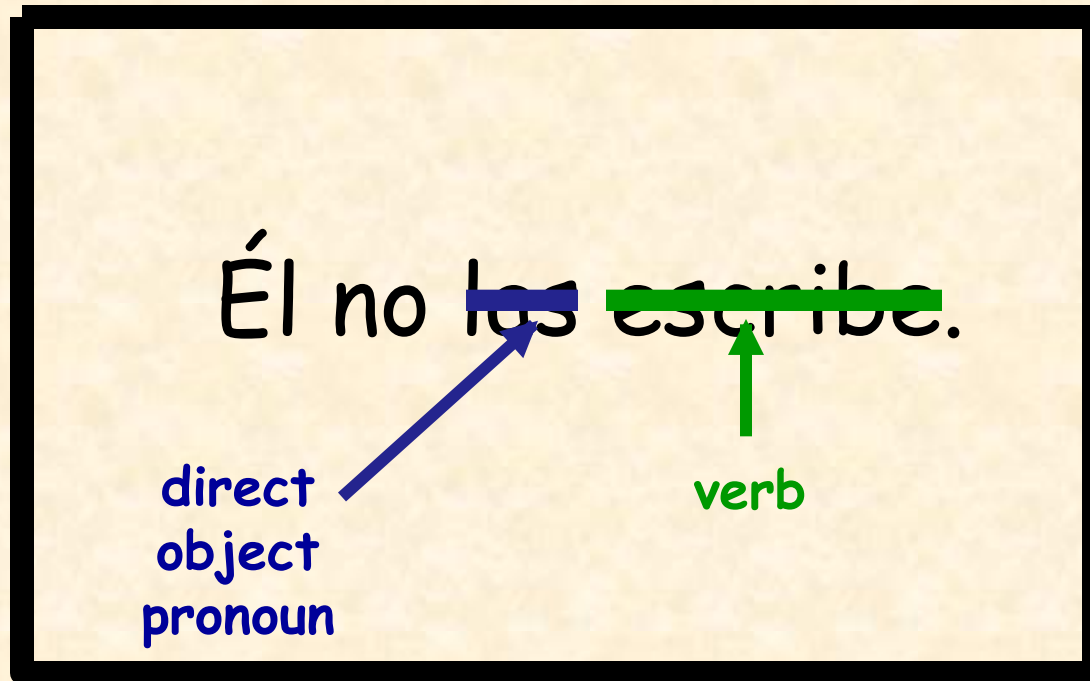
Ella las canta.

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Los estudiantes no **la** **hacen**.

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Notice the placement of the direct object pronouns in a sentence with an infinitive construction in Spanish:

¿Quieres tomar **el examen** ahora?

Sí, lo quiero tomar ahora.

Sí, quiero tomarlo ahora.

The direct object pronoun can be placed either before a conjugated verb or after the infinitive.

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¿Vas a mandar **la carta**?

Sí, la voy a mandar.

Sí, voy a mandarla.

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Notice the placement of the direct object pronouns in a sentence with an infinitive construction in Spanish:

¿Van a estudiar **las lecciones**?

No, no las voy a estudiar.

No, no voy a estudiarlas.

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Rewrite the following sentence replacing the direct object with the direct object pronoun. Then translate the sentence into English.

Yo veo la casa.

Yo la veo.

I see it.

Rewrite the following sentence replacing the direct object with the direct object pronoun. Then translate the sentence into English.

Leemos los libros.

Los leemos.

We read them.

Rewrite the following sentence replacing the direct object with the direct object pronoun. Then translate the sentence into English.

Ellos buscan a **nosotros**.

Ellos **nos** buscan.

They look for us.

Rewrite the following sentence replacing the direct object with the direct object pronoun. Then translate the sentence into English.

Tú necesitas las gafas.

Tú las necesitas.

You need them.

Rewrite the following sentence replacing the direct object with the direct object pronoun. Then translate the sentence into English.

Ella necesita el abrigo.

Ella lo necesita.

She needs it.

Rewrite the following sentence replacing the direct object with the direct object pronoun. Then translate the sentence into English.

Yo tengo el impermeable.

Yo lo tengo.

I have it.

Rewrite the following sentence replacing the direct object with the direct object pronoun. Then translate the sentence into English.

¿Compran las plantas en Lowe's?

¿Las compran en Lowe's?

¿Do you buy them in Lowe's?

Rewrite the following sentence replacing the direct object with the direct object pronoun. Then translate the sentence into English.

¿Llevas **shorts** en el verano?

¿**Los** llevas en el verano?

Do you wear them in the
summer?

Rewrite the following sentence replacing the direct object with the direct object pronoun. Then translate the sentence into English.

¿Llevan ellos **gorras** en la escuela?

¿**Las** llevan en la escuela?

Do they wear caps in school?

Say the following sentence replacing the direct object with the direct object pronoun. Then translate the sentence into English. In these sentences there are two different locations where the pronoun can be placed, write the sentence both ways.

Vamos a mirar el video.

Lo vamos a ver.

Vamos a verlo.

We are going to watch it.

Say the following sentence replacing the direct object with the direct object pronoun. Then translate the sentence into English. In these sentences there are two different locations where the pronoun can be placed, write the sentence both ways.

¿Quieres comprar los zapatos?

¿Los quieres comprar?

¿Quieres comprarlos.

Do you want to buy them?

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Tengo que mandar **el dinero**.

Lo tengo que mandar.

Tengo que mandar**lo**.

I have to send it.

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Necesitan invitar a José.

Lo necesitan invitar.

Necesitan invitarlo.

They need to invite him.

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Vamos a llevar bufandas.

Las vamos a llevar.

Vamos a llevarlas.

We are going to wear them.

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Tienes que hacer **la** tarea.

La tienes que hacer.

Tienes que hacer**la**.

You have to do it.

Answer the following question making sure to use a direct object pronoun. If (no) follows the question answer in the negative. If (sí) follows, answer in the affirmative.

¿Llevas **los shorts** en el verano? (sí)

Sí, los llevo en el verano.

Answer the following question making sure to use a direct object pronoun. If (no) follows the question answer in the negative. If (sí) follows, answer in the affirmative.

¿Cantan Uds. **las canciones?** (no)

No, no las cantamos.

Answer the following question making sure to use a direct object pronoun. If (no) follows the question answer in the negative. If (sí) follows, answer in the affirmative.

¿Invitan ellos a **Ana y José**? (sí)

Sí, los invitan.

Answer the following question making sure to use a direct object pronoun. If (no) follows the question answer in the negative. If (sí) follows, answer in the affirmative.

¿Ven Uds. a **mis hermanas**? (no)

No, no las vemos.

Answer the following question making sure to use a direct object pronoun. If (no) follows the question answer in the negative. If (sí) follows, answer in the affirmative.

¿Mandas tú **las invitaciones?** (no)

No, no las mando.

Answer the following question making sure to use a direct object pronoun. If (no) follows the question answer in the negative. If (sí) follows, answer in the affirmative.

¿Venden Uds. a **las flores** ? (sí)

Sí, las vendemos.

Answer the following question making sure to use a direct object pronoun. If (no) follows the question answer in the negative. If (sí) follows, answer in the affirmative.

¿**Me** ayudas? (sí)

Sí, te ayudo.

Answer the following question making sure to use a direct object pronoun. If (no) follows the question answer in the negative. If (sí) follows, answer in the affirmative.

¿Tienes **los patines**? (no)

No, no los tengo.

Answer the following question making sure to use a direct object pronoun. If (no) follows the question answer in the negative. If (sí) follows, answer in the affirmative.

¿Compra ella **los abrigos?** (sí)

Sí, los compra.

Answer the following question making sure to use a direct object pronoun. If (no) follows the question answer in the negative. If (sí) follows, answer in the affirmative.

¿Tienen Uds. que hacer **la tarea**? (no)

No, no **la** tenemos que hacer.

No, no tenemos que hacer**la**.

Answer the following question making sure to use a direct object pronoun. If (no) follows the question answer in the negative. If (sí) follows, answer in the affirmative.

¿Quieres leer **los libros**? (sí)

Sí, los quiero leer.

Sí, quiero leerlos.

Answer the following question making sure to use a direct object pronoun. If (no) follows the question answer in the negative. If (sí) follows, answer in the affirmative.

¿**Me** vas a ayudar? (no)

No, no **te** voy a ayudar.

No, no voy a ayudarte**te**.

Answer the following question making sure to use a direct object pronoun. If (no) follows the question answer in the negative. If (sí) follows, answer in the affirmative.

¿Ustedes tienen que hacer **la tarea**? (sí)

Sí, la tenemos que hacer.

Sí, tenemos que hacerla.

Answer the following question making sure to use a direct object pronoun. If (no) follows the question answer in the negative. If (sí) follows, answer in the affirmative.

¿Quieren Uds. visitar a **Ana**? (sí)

Sí, **la** queremos visitar.

Sí, queremos visitar**la**.

Answer the following question making sure to use a direct object pronoun. If (no) follows the question answer in the negative. If (sí) follows, answer in the affirmative.

¿Necesita él comprar **los árboles**? (no)

No, no **los** necesita comprarr.

No, no necesita que comprar**los**.

Answer the following question making sure to use a direct object pronoun. If (no) follows the question answer in the negative. If (sí) follows, answer in the affirmative.

¿Uds. tienen que hacer **la tarea**? (no)

No, no **la** tenemos que hacer.

No, no tenemos que hacer**la**.

¿Ustedes quieren ver la presentación otra vez?

¡Sí, la queremos ver otra vez!