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Goal: Learn how to use direct object pronouns.

Direct object pronouns

- **Direct objects** answer the question *whom?* or *what?* after a verb. The direct object can be a **noun** or a **pronoun**. Read the following sentences, paying attention to the boldfaced words.

Ana compra **el vestido**. → Ana **lo** compra.
(Ana buys **the dress**.) (Ana buys **it**.)

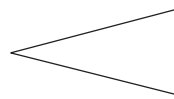
Aldo prefiere **las camisas azules**. → Aldo **las** prefiere.
(Aldo prefers **the blue shirts**.) (Aldo prefers **them**.)

EXPLANATION: Direct object pronouns are used to replace direct object nouns. In the first example above, **lo** is a direct object pronoun that replaces the direct object noun **el vestido**. In the second example, **las** is a direct object pronoun that replaces the direct object noun **las camisas**. Note that the direct object pronoun in Spanish is placed *before* the conjugated verb. Use the chart below as a quick reference for direct object pronouns.

Direct object pronouns	
Singular	Plural
me (<i>me</i>)	nos (<i>us</i>)
te (<i>you</i>) (<i>familiar</i>)	os (<i>you</i>) (<i>familiar</i>)
lo (<i>you/him/it</i>) (<i>formal</i>)	los (<i>you/them</i>) (<i>formal</i>)
la (<i>you/her/it</i>) (<i>formal</i>)	las (<i>you/them</i>) (<i>formal</i>)

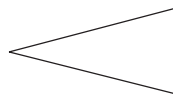
- Read the following sentences, paying attention to the boldfaced words and to the placement of the direct object pronouns in Spanish.

Ana quiere comprar **el vestido**.
(Ana wants to buy **the dress**.)



Ana **lo** quiere comprar.
(Ana wants to buy **it**.)
Ana quiere comprar**lo**.

Luis quiere comprar **los zapatos**.
(Luis wants to buy **the shoes**.)



Luis **los** quiere comprar.
(Luis wants to buy **them**.)
Luis quiere comprar**los**.

EXPLANATION: Direct object pronouns are either placed *before* a conjugated verb or *attached* to an infinitive.

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- 1 Circle the direct object pronoun in Spanish that you would use to replace the underlined words.

1. John helped <u>me</u> . las los <u>me</u>	6. Juan respects <u>all of them</u> . los la <u>te</u>
2. Alex borrowed <u>the book</u> . los lo <u>os</u>	7. We took <u>the children</u> to the park. nos los <u>os</u>
3. You understand <u>us</u> . me nos <u>las</u>	8. I understand <u>you and Jane</u> . nos te <u>os</u>
4. She bought <u>the blouse</u> . te la <u>las</u>	9. We see <u>the girls</u> at the mall. nos las <u>os</u>
5. Drea sees <u>her friend Lola</u> . te lo <u>la</u>	10. I understand <u>you</u> . nos te <u>os</u>

- 2 Replace the boldfaced words in each sentence with a direct object pronoun.

Modelo: Andrés compra **un traje**.

Andrés lo compra.

- Los chicos prefieren **las camisas**.
Los chicos _____ prefieren.
- Mi mamá compra **un vestido**.
Mi mamá _____ compra.
- Luisa y yo necesitamos **los zapatos**.
Luisa y yo _____ necesitamos.
- ¿Tienes **los euros**?
¿_____ tienes?
- Miramos **la televisión**.
_____ miramos.

Nombre _____ Clase _____ Fecha _____

3 Change the sentences, using the model as a guide.

Modelo: Paco quiere comprar **los calcetines**. Paco quiere comprarlos.
Paco los quiere comprar.

1. Prefiero usar **la calculadora**.

2. Quieren comprar **los zapatos**.

3. Preferimos llevar **jeans**.

4. Piensan cerrar **la tienda** a las ocho.

5. ¿Vas a comprar **la blusa**?

4 Imagine that it's your birthday. Write four sentences about what you want and who is going to buy it. Follow the model.

Modelo: Yo quiero una bicicleta.
Mis padres van a comprarla. or Mis padres la van a comprar.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

NOMBRE _____
Fecha _____

II. Write in Spanish using the direct object pronoun.

1. I watch you.
2. I watch him.
3. I watch it. (fem)
4. I watch you. (all)
5. I watch them. (masc)
6. He watches them. (fem)
7. She watches us.
8. I want (desire) to watch it. (fem)
9. I want to watch you. (fam, sing)
10. They want to watch us.
11. He wants to watch me.
12. She wants to watch them. (masc)
13. We want to watch her.
14. She wants to watch it. (masc)
15. I am watching him. (NOW)
16. I am watching them. (masc)
17. I am watching you (~~me~~).
18. She is watching me.
19. They are watching us.
20. You are watching them. (fam)
21. We are watching you. (fam, sing)

Now!
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IV. Escribe en español. USE THE DIRECT OBJECT PRONOUNS!!!!

1. I have to read the book today.
2. Marco is eating the hamburger. (now)
3. We drink coffee.
4. They answer us.