

# HDHS #18: Los Pronombres de Objetos Indirectos

■ An indirect object is the recipient of a verb's action. Indirect objects are usually identified by answering one of the following questions:

- For whom?      At whom?      To whom?

■ Indirect object pronouns are words that replace the indirect object in a sentence.

■ Here are the indirect object pronouns.

Indirect Object Pronouns			
Singular		Plural	
me	me	nos	us
te	you (familiar)		
le	him, her, you (formal)	les	them, you all (plural)



■ Here are some examples:

Sentence	Verb	Indirect Object
El jugador da el balón a mí. The player gives the ball to me.	da gives	mí me
Nosotros compramos una camiseta a ella. We are buying a T-shirt for her.	compramos are buying	ella her
La señora Rojas ofrece la pizza a nosotros. Mrs. Rojas is offering the pizza to us.	ofrece is offering	nosotros us

■ Sentences with indirect object pronouns have a specific structure.

The sentence structure is: **SIV+** (Subject -- Indirect Object -- Verb -- Anything additional)

**Original Sentence**

The indirect objects are boxed.

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**Sentence with Indirect Object Pronouns**

Subject -- Indirect Object -- Verb -- Anything additional

La mesera **me** da el balón.  
The waitress gives me the ball.

Nosotros **le** compramos una camiseta.  
We are buying her a T-shirt.

La señora Rojas **nos** ofrece la pizza.  
Mrs. Rojas is offering us the pizza.

■ Because **le** and **les** are gender neutral, it is common to keep the indirect object phrase in the sentence for clarification.

Nosotros compramos una camiseta a ella.

Nosotros **le** compramos una camiseta a ella. ← Indirect object phrase for clarification only!