

# HDHS #21: Los Pronombres de Objetos Directos

- A pronoun is a word that replaces a noun.

Marcos = he  
the T-shirt = it

the students = they  
the homework assignments = they

- A direct object is an object that directly receives the action the verb. Direct objects are usually identified by answering the question:

“verb” what? (*Ate what? Gave what? Bought what?*) ...and sometimes whom?

Juan kicks the ball.

Kicks what?

the ball = direct object

Uriel studies Spanish.

Studies what?

Spanish = direct object

I am giving the books to Marcia.

Giving what? ...*not Marcia!!*

the books = direct object

- Therefore a direct object pronoun is a pronoun that takes the place of the object that directly receives the action of the verb!

Juan kicks the ball.

the ball = it

Juan kicks IT.

Uriel studies Spanish.

Spanish = it

Uriel studies IT.

I give the books to Marcia.

the books = them

I give THEM to Marcia.

- Here is a table of all of the direct object pronouns and their meanings.

Direct Object Pronouns	
Singular	Plural
me - me	nos - us
te - you (familiar)	
lo, la - him, her, you, it	los, las - them, you all

- The placement of the direct object pronoun is different in Spanish than it is in English. The pronoun goes before the verb, instead of after it! There is a simple formula to remember the order of the words:

**SDV+:** Subject – Direct Object Pronoun – Verb – anything additional

Juan lanza el balón.  
Juan kicks the ball.

el balón = lo  
the ball = it

Juan lo lanza.  
Juan kicks it. (Juan “it” kicks.)

- Note that when you want to say IT or THEM, it is important to know if the item is masculine or feminine.

I eat pork rinds every day.  
I eat hamburgers every day.

pork rinds = **los** chicharrones  
hamburgers = **las** hamburguesas

Yo **los** como cada día.  
Yo **las** como cada día.

**A. Circle the direct object then write the correct pronoun.**

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| 1. I love him.                          | Yo _____ amo.         |
| 2. I don't love her.                    | Yo no _____ amo.      |
| 3. I know them. (Juan and Maria)        | Yo _____ conozco.     |
| 4. I don't know them. (Juana and Maria) | Yo no _____ conozco.  |
| 5. Juan knows me.                       | Juan _____ conoce.    |
| 6. Juan doesn't know you.               | Juan no _____ conoce. |
| 7. He buys the T-shirts.                | Él _____ compra.      |
| 8. He doesn't buy the coat.             | Él no _____ compra.   |
| 9. They see Maria.                      | Ellos _____ ven.      |
| 10. They don't see Mario.               | Ellos no _____ ven.   |
| 11. I know you. (familiar)              | Yo _____ conozco.     |
| 12. I don't know them.                  | Yo no _____ conozco.  |

**B. Rewrite the following sentences.**

**Replace the direct object with the appropriate pronoun.**

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| 13. Nosotros comprendemos la lección. | _____ |
| 14. María mira el carro.              | _____ |
| 15. Ellos ven la televisión.          | _____ |
| 16. Ustedes conocen a esas chicas.    | _____ |

**C. Answer the following questions in the negative.**

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| 17. ¿Compra Marta la falda?          | No, _____. |
| 18. ¿Comes tú la manzana?            | No, _____. |
| 19. ¿Comen las chicas los dulces?    | No, _____. |
| 20. ¿Quieren ustedes la computadora? | No, _____. |