

## 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
vosotros	you (pl.) familiar	<b>os</b>	you (pl) familiar
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

-Do you see **John**? ¿Ves a **Juan**?

-No, I don't see **John**. No, no veo a **Juan**.

-Did you call **Mary and Ana**? ¿Llamaste a **María y a Ana**?

-No, I didn't call **Mary and Ana**. No, no llamé a **María y a Ana**.

-Do you have the **book**? ¿Tienes el **libro**?

-Did you read the **magazine**? ¿Leíste la **revista**?

### Substituting the pronoun

-Do you see **him**? ¿**Lo** ves?

-No, I don't see **him**. No, no **lo** veo.

-Did you call **them**? ¿**Las** llamaste?

-No, I didn't call **them**. No, no **las** llamé.

-Do you have **it**? ¿**Lo** tienes?

-Did you read **it**? ¿**La** leíste?