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?	**Tacos**.	Tacos is the direct object.
-They invited John.	Whom did they invite?	**John**.	John is the direct object.

♦In English, <u>nouns</u> are replaced by <u>pronouns</u>. 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 **John**?	-No, I don't see **John**.
-Did you call **Mary and Ana**?	-No, I didn't call **Mary and Ana**.

With pronouns, we can simplify this.

-Do you see **John**? ⟶	-Do you see **him**?
-No, I don't see **John** ⟶	-No, I don't see **him**
-Did you call **Mary and Ana**? ⟶	-Did you call **them**?
-No, I didn't call **Mary and Ana**. ⟶	-No, I didn't call **them**.

♦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	**me**	me
tú	you	**te**	you
él	he	**lo**	him; it (masc.)
ella	she	**la**	her; it (fem.)
usted	you	**lo, la**	you (masc. & fem.)
nosotros nosotras	we	**nos**	us
vosotros vosotras	you (pl.) familiar	**os**	you (pl) familiar
ellos	they	**los**	them - masculine
ellas		**las**	them - feminine
ustedes	you (pl.) formal	**los, las**	you (pl. m. & f.) formal

Using the noun	**Substituting the pronoun**
-Do you see **John**? ¿Ves a <u>**Juan**</u>?	-Do you see **him**? ¿*Lo* ves?
-No, I don't see **John**. No, no veo a **Juan**.	-No, I don't see **him**. No, no *lo* veo.
-Did you call **Mary and Ana**? ¿Llamaste a **María y a Ana**?	-Did you call **them**? ¿**Las** llamaste?
-No, I didn't call **Mary and Ana**. No, no llamé a **María y a Ana**.	-No, I didn't call **them**. No, no **las** llamé.
-Do you have the **book**? ¿Tienes el **libro**?	-Do you have **it**? ¿**Lo** tienes?
-Did you read the **magazine**? ¿Leíste la **revista**?	-Did you read **it**? ¿**La** leíste?