

Direct & Indirect Object Pronouns

“me lo” “te lo” “nos lo”

Direct vs. Indirect Objects

Definición

- A direct object tells who or what receives the action of the verb.
 - **Ejemplo**
 - Di la llave.
 - I gave the key.
- You can find the direct object (D.O.) by asking yourself this question:
 - What did I give? I gave the key.

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Definición

- An indirect object tells who receives the direct object. It tells “to whom” or “for whom” the action of the verb is done.
 - **Ejemplo**
 - Yo le di la llave al cliente.
 - I gave the key to the client.
- You can find the indirect object (I.O.) by asking yourself this question:
 - To whom did I give the key? To the client.

Direct vs. Indirect Objects

Which is the direct object? Indirect?

- Yo le escribí una carta a mi amiga.
- I wrote a letter to my friend.
 - Subject: Yo
 - Verb: escribí
 - Direct Object: una carta (what I write)
 - Indirect Object: mi amiga (who I write it to)
- La camarera le dio toallas al botones
- The maid gave towels to the bellhop.

Direct vs. Indirect Objects

- Pronouns replace the direct object nouns and indirect object nouns in a sentence.
- They help to avoid repetition.
- The indirect object pronouns always come before the direct object pronouns.

Direct Object Pronouns

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Singular	Plural
Lo - it, him (masculine)	Los - them (masculine)
La - it, her (feminine)	Las - them (feminine)

Indirect Object Pronouns

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Singular	Plural
Me - to/for me	Nos - to/for us
Te - to/for you	Os - to/for you (informal)
Le - to/for him, her, it, you	Les - to/for them, you-all

Using Pronouns

- Ella (*me*) dio la llave a mi.
- Ella la dio a mi
- Me la dio.

- Te doy mi cuaderno.
- Te lo doy.

- Ella nos sirvió el helado.
- Ella nos lo sirvió.

Using Pronouns

- El mozo me dio la llave.
- El mozo me la dio.

- Él me vendió los libros.
- Él me los vendió.

- Papá te hizo las reservaciones.
- Papá te las hizo.

Special Note (Extra)

- You cannot have two "l" pronouns in a row.
 - Le lo = se lo le los = se los
 - Le la = se la le las = se las
 - Les lo = se lo les los = se los
 - Les la = se la les las = se las
 - This is to avoid "tongue twisters". (It is harder to say "les los" than "se los").
- Ejemplo:**
Yo le di la llave al cliente.
~~Le~~ la di
Se la di