

**DIRECT OBJECTS AND
DIRECT OBJECT
PRONOUNS (DOP)**

DIRECT OBJECTS:

the person or thing receiving
the action of the verb

Elena compra una manzana.

What
does she
buy?

Nosotros comemos **los cereales**.

What do we eat?

Ustedes beben **el agua**.

What do you all drink?

Lisa y Alba prefieren **la manzana**.

What does Lisa and Alba prefer?

DIRECT OBJECT PRONOUN

are use to avoid repeating nouns that have already been mentioned

Tito, put the apple on the table.



Tito, put it on the table

DIRECT OBJECT PRONOUNS

must agree with the nouns they are replacing

	Masculino	Femenino
Singular	lo (him, it)	la (her, it)
Plural	los (them)	las (them)

Nosotros comemos **los cereales.**
masc / pl.
(los)

Ustedes beben **el agua.**
masc / sing
(lo)

Luis y Ana prefieren **la manzana.**
Fem / sing
(la)

Identify the direct object.

Determine the gender and number of the direct object.

Select the proper direct object.

Now, here comes the “tricky” part...

You can not just replace
the Direct Object (DO) in the sentence
with the Direct Object Pronoun (DOP)...

Nosotros ~~los~~ vemos **los**.

When using a Direct Object Pronoun (DOP)
you need to follow placement's rules.

DIRECT OBJECT PRONOUNS

lo

la

los

las

Lisa **prefiere** *las frutas*

Los estudiantes **usan** *los lápices*

Leemos *el libro*

Pablo **trae** *una manzana* para la profesora.

Position the Direct Object Pronoun

Rule #1

Place the direct object pronoun before the conjugated verb.

Ana prueba **la sopa**.

Ana **la** prueba

¿Quieres comer **el helado**?

Sí, **lo** quiero comer.

Position the Direct Object Pronoun

Rule # 2

Attach the DOP to an infinitive

(This only happens when there is
a helping verb + an infinitive in the sentence)

Lola quiere comer las frutas.

Lola quiere comerlas.

¿Quieres comer el helado?

Sí, quiero comerlo.

Did you notice?

If you have a helping verb + an infinitive
you could apply either rule:

Sí, **lo** quiero comer.

Place the direct object
pronoun before
the conjugated verb.

Sí, quiero comer**lo** .

Attach the DOP to an
infinitive

Negative sentences

In a negative sentence
the Direct Object Pronoun goes
between **no** and **the verb**.

Antonio **come** las papas en la cena.
Antonio **no** las **come** en el almuerzo.