

El complemento indirecto y los pronombres

The Indirect Object and Pronouns

A review of objects...

- Objects receive action in a sentence.
- One object sentences contain a **direct** object as it **directly** receives action from the verb. These are replaced by **direct object pronouns**.
- The **direct object pronouns**:
me / te / lo / la / nos / os / los / las

What is an indirect object???

- The **second** object in a sentence, (if there is one) is usually an **indirect** object as it does not directly receive action from the verb.

Siempre compro regalos para mis amigos.



Verb



Direct
Object



Indirect
Object

I always buy gifts for my friends.

To rewrite the sentence with an indirect object pronoun:

Les compro muchos regalos.

*I buy **them** many gifts.*

The Indirect Object Pronouns

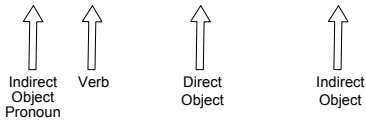
Noun Indirectly Receiving Action	Indirect Object Pronoun	English Translation
yo	me	(for/to) me
tú	te	(for/to) you (familiar)
él / ella	le	(for/to) him / her
ud.	le	(for/to) you (formal)
nosotros / nosotras	nos	(for/to) us
vosotros / vosotras	os	(for/to) you-plural
uds.	les	(for/to) you-plural
ellos / ellas	les	(for/to) them

Pronoun Placement Rules

- Immediately **before** the first conjugated verb in the sentence:
Te mando el dinero mañana.
- Attached to the end of an infinitive or present participle (-ing form):
Voy a mandarte el dinero mañana.
- The first rule above works in **all types** of sentences.

Often times the indirect object is left in the sentence along with the indirect object pronoun.

Les compro muchos regalos para mis amigos.



Certain verbs require indirect object pronouns.

- Gustar
Me gusta mirar televisión.
I like to watch television.
- Encantar
Les encantan las hamburguesas.
They really like (love) hamburgers.