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Guided Notes - Spanish Direct Object Pronouns (DOPs) (2/15/18)

In the following sentences, identify the direct object:

1. Yo como la manzana. _____
2. Tú traes la comida. _____
3. Los niños terminan sus tareas. _____
4. Mi gato sube el árbol. _____

Remember that anytime the object of a verb is human or an animal, we insert an “a” between the verb and the object. We call this the _____.

Examples: Yo veo **a** la mujer. → I see the woman.
Ellos necesitan **al** tutor. → They need the tutor.
Juan persigue **a** Jorge. → John chases George.
Tú llamas **a** la chica. → You call the girl.

The following chart outlines the Spanish Direct Object Pronouns:

	<u>Singular</u>	<u>Plural</u>
1st Person	(me)	(us)
2nd Person	(you familiar)	(you all - Spain)
3rd Person	(you formal/him/it) (you formal/her/it)	(you all, them)

Notice that “lo” replaces “he” or “it” for masculine nouns; “la” replaces “she” or “it” for feminine nouns; if referring to “usted” (you formal), you will use either “lo” or “la” depending on whether you are speaking to a man or woman. The same principle applies for “los” and “las”: you must match the gender of whatever noun you are replacing.

Examples: usted (masculine) = **lo** ella = **la** los coches = **los**
 la niña = **la** las playas = **las** el tiburón = **lo**

Important note on Placement: We place the direct object pronouns before _____ verbs, or attached to a verb in the _____.

Below, the verbs are underlined, and the direct objects are bolded.

Examples:

The teacher <u>sees</u> me.	→	El profesor me ve .
We <u>call</u> you every weekend.	→	Te llamamos cada fin de semana.
I <u>can't find</u> her.	→	No la puedo encontrar . / No puedo encontrarla .
They <u>invite</u> us to the party.	→	Ellos nos invitan a la fiesta.
She <u>wants to buy</u> the car. She <u>wants to buy</u> it.	→	Ella quiere comprar el coche . Ella lo quiere comprar . / Ella quiere comprarlo .
You all <u>have to try</u> the salmon. You all <u>have to try</u> it.	→ →	Ustedes tienen que probar el salmón . Ustedes tienen que probarlo . / Ustedes lo tienen que probar .
We <u>reject</u> your offer. We <u>reject</u> it.	→ →	Rechazamos tu oferta . La rechazamos.
I <u>love</u> you all (Spain).	→	Os amo .
I am <u>not going to eat</u> the cherries. I am <u>not going to eat</u> them.	→ →	No voy a comer las cerezas . No las voy a comer . / No voy a comerlas .
You <u>buy</u> the shoes. You <u>buy</u> them.	→ →	Compras los zapatos . Los compras .

Practice:

Translate the sentences below to Spanish.

1. I know Miranda. I know her.

2. We can hear the man. We can hear him.

3. The boy eats the grapes. He eats them.
