

Spanish Direct Objects Pronouns (DOPs)

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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 **personal “a”**.

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.

Spanish Direct Object Pronouns	<u>Singular</u>	<u>Plural</u>
1st Person	me (me)	nos (us)
2nd Person	te (you familiar)	os (you all - Spain)
3rd Person	lo (you formal/him/it) la (you formal/her/it)	los/las (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 conjugated verbs, or attached to a verb in the infinitive.

The teacher sees me.

→

El profesor **me** ve.

We call you every weekend. →

Te llamamos cada fin de semana.

I can't find her. →

No **la** puedo encontrar. / No puedo encontrarla.

They invite us to the party.

→

Ellos **nos** invitan a la fiesta.

She wants to buy the car.

→

Ella quiere comprar el coche.

She wants to buy it.

Ella **lo** quiere comprar. / Ella quiere comprarlo.

You all have to try the salmon.

→

Ustedes tienen que probar el salmón

You all have to try it.

→

Ustedes tienen que probarlo /
Ustedes **lo** tienen que probar.

We reject your offer.

→

Rechazamos tu oferta.

We reject it.

→

La rechazamos.

I love you all (Spain).

→

Os amo.

I am not going to eat **the cherries.**

→

No voy a comer **las cerezas.**

I am not going to eat **them.**

→

No **las** voy a comer. / No
voy a comerlas.

You buy **the shoes.**

→

Compras **los zapatos.**

You buy **them.**

→

Los compras.

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.
