

Spanish Direct Objects Pronouns (IOPs)

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In the following sentences, identify the indirect object:

1. I send you the letter.

2. We bring them the cake.

3. Rob gives his friend a new phone.

4. You all sing to us.

Spanish Indirect 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	le (you formal, her, him)	les (you all, them)

*Notice that the third person indirect object pronouns can mean many different things. Therefore we can **clarify** who is the object by adding the prepositional pronouns in the chart below. These are optional, but the indirect object pronoun is not. For first and second person, we are not clarifying, but rather **emphasizing**.

Spanish Prepositional Pronouns	<u>Singular</u>	<u>Plural</u>
1st Person	a mí (me)	a nosotros (us)
2nd Person	a ti (you familiar)	a vosotros (you all - Spain)
3rd Person	a usted/ella/él (you formal, her, him)	a ustedes/ellos (you all, them)

Examples:

Ellos **le** dan el chocolate. → We don't know if "le" is "her" or "you formal"

To fix this, we can clarify with a prepositional pronoun

Ellos **le** dan el chocolate **a ella**. → They give **her** the chocolate.

Ellos **le** dan el chocolate **a él**. → They give **him** the chocolate.

Ellos **le** dan el chocolate **a usted**. → They give **you** (formal) the chocolate.

Ellos **le** dan el chocolate **a Bob**. → They give **Bob** the chocolate.

Yo **les** envío el paquete **a ellos**. → I send them the package.

Yo **les** envío el paquete **a ustedes**. → I send you all the package.

To really emphasize who is the recipient of an action, we can use the prepositional pronouns that wouldn't otherwise be necessary for clarifying:

Te doy la responsabilidad a ti. → I give **you** the responsibility.

Me vas a ayudar a mí. → You are going to help **me**.

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

The girl reads the book **to us**. → La niña **nos lee** el libro.

The teacher takes the phone **from us**. → La profesora **nos quita** el teléfono.

I want to buy **her** a gift. → Quiero comprarle un regalo a **ella**. /
Le quiero comprar un regalo a **ella**.

We write to **them** every month. →
cada mes.

Nosotros **les** escribimos a ellos

They can give **me** the money. →

Ellos **me** pueden dar el dinero. /
Ellos pueden darme el dinero.

*Suppose you say the previous statement, and the person to whom you are talking, responds: ¿A quién? (To whom?) - Instead of repeating the whole sentence, you could simply clarify with “a mí” (me).

You (familiar) must teach me the dance. → Tú debes enseñarme el baile. /
Tú me debes enseñar el baile.

We bring you (familiar) the cake. → Te traemos el pastel.

I am going to lend you (formal) money. → Yo le voy a prestar el dinero a usted. /
Yo voy a prestarle el dinero a usted.

Beth buys us a computer. → Beth nos compra una computadora.

DAR - to give	singular	plural
1st person	doy	damos
2nd person	das	dais
3rd person	da	dan

ENVIAR - to send	singular	plural
1st person	envío	enviamos
2nd person	envías	enviáis
3rd person	envía	envían