

Los Pronombres Directos

Direct objects receive the action of the verb. They always answers the questions *whom?* or *what?* about the verb. Direct Object Pronouns are used as a replacement of the Direct Object.

Take the following sentence for example:

We eat **the cookie**.

Nosotros comemos **la galleta**.

We	This is our subject of the sentence.	Nosotros
eat	This is our verb, the action being done.	comemos
the cookie.	This is the direct object. The cookie is WHAT we are eating.	la galleta.

Once the Direct Object is known, we can always shorten the sentence by using a Direct Object Pronoun:

We eat **it**.

Nosotros **la** comemos.

But, why are we using the Direct Object Pronouns? Read the following passage:

I see **the cookie**. I buy **the cookie** and I eat **the cookie**. Yo miro **la galleta**. Yo compro **la galleta** y como **la galleta**.

Would it not be easier to say?

I see **the cookie**. I buy **it** and I eat **it**.

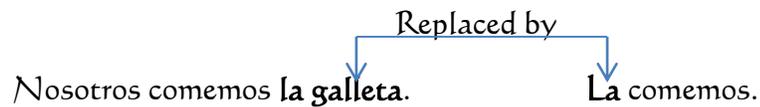
Yo miro **la galleta**. Yo **la** compro y **la** como.

We already know we are talking about **the cookie (la galleta)** so why keep repeating **the cookie (la galleta)**? Use the Direct Object Pronouns.

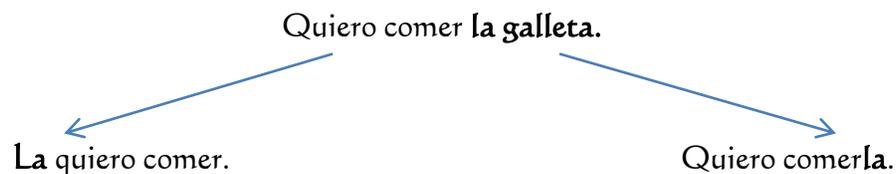
The Spanish Direct Object Pronouns are:

Singular		Plural	
Spanish	English	Spanish	English
Me	Me	Nos	Us
Te	You	Os	You (familiar)
Lo	Him, it, you (formal)	Los	You, them
La	Her, it, you (formal)	Las	You, them

Unlike in English, Spanish places the direct object pronouns **before** the conjugated verb.



Whenever an infinitive verb is involved, you have a choice. You can continue with the previous rule and place the Direct Object Pronoun before the conjugated verb OR you can *attach* it to the end of the infinitive.



Both ways have the same meaning and are both generally accepted for use and can be freely use interchangeably. Just be aware of both ways of use as you will encounter both in your future studies.

As a side note and hint to make these slightly easier. When dealing with things (not people), the Direct Object Pronoun is often times the same as the definite article with the exception of masculine singular. For example: the Direct Object Pronoun for **la galleta** is **la**.