

Direct Objects

Ask WHAT or WHOM after the verb.

María studies the homework. (María studies what?)

(subject) (verb) (D.O.)

Steve is reading a book. (Steve is reading what?)

(subject) (verb) (D.O.)

The teacher sees María. (The teacher sees whom?)

(subject) (verb) (D.O.)

You can change a Direct Object to a pronoun by using these pronouns.

me (*me*)

nos (*us*)

te (*you familiar*)

lo, la (*him, her, it, you*) **los, las** (*them, you all*)

Position in the sentence is very important!!!!!!

Place the pronoun: 1. BEFORE a conjugated verb

2. ATTACH to an infinitive

Examples of changing Direct Objects to Pronouns:

1. **María estudia la tarea.** *María studies the homework.*
María la estudia. *María studies IT.*
2. **Steve lee un libro.** *Steve reads a book.*
Steve lo lee. *Steve reads IT.*
3. **La profesora ve a María.** *The teacher sees María.*
La profesora la ve. *The teacher sees HER.*
4. **Yo compro unos refrescos.** *I buy some refreshments.*
Yo los compro. *I buy THEM.*

The following sentences contain an infinitive and the D.O. Pronoun must be attached.

1. **María va a estudiar la tarea.** *María is going to study the homework.*
María va a estudiarla. *María is going to study IT.*
2. **Steve necesita leer un libro.** *Steve needs to read a book.*
Steve necesita leerlo. *Steve need to read IT.*
3. **La profesora va a ver a María.** *The teacher is going to see María.*
La profesora va a verla. *The teacher is going to see HER.*
4. **Yo prefiero comprar unos refrescos.** *I prefer to buy some refreshments.*
Yo prefiero comprarlos. *I prefer to buy THEM.*

