

Did You Get It?

Presentación de gramática

Level 2 p. 456

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Goal: Review direct object, indirect object, and reflexive pronouns.

Pronouns

- Pronouns act as substitutes for nouns. Read the following sentences, paying attention to the boldfaced words. They illustrate the different kinds of pronouns you have learned in Spanish.

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| (1) Ella se gana la vida como doctora.
<i>(She earns (herself) a living as a doctor.)</i> | Nosotros nos hacemos la comida.
<i>(We prepare (ourselves) lunch.)</i> |
| (2) La madre le habla al médico.
<i>(The mother talks to the doctor.)</i> | La madre le habla.
<i>(The mother talks to him.)</i> |
| (3) El arquitecto diseñó los edificios.
<i>(The architect designed the buildings.)</i> | El arquitecto los diseñó.
<i>(The architect designed them.)</i> |

EXPLANATION: (1) **Reflexive pronouns** appear with **reflexive verbs**. They refer to the same person, place, or thing as the subject. (2) **Indirect object pronouns** answer to *whom?* or *for whom?* about the verb. (3) **Direct object pronouns** answer *whom?* or *what?* about the verb.

- Now read these sentences, paying attention to the boldfaced word.

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| Te doy el libro a tí .
<i>(I give the book to you.)</i> | Te lo doy.
<i>(I give it to you.)</i> |
| Juanita le da la carta a Susana .
<i>(Juanita gives the letter to Susana.)</i> | Juanita se la da.
<i>(Juanita gives it to her.)</i> |

EXPLANATION: When both object pronouns appear in the same sentence, the **indirect object** goes first. If both pronouns start with **I**, you change the indirect object pronoun to **se**.

- Read and study these sentences, paying attention to the boldfaced words.

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| Dí me lo más tarde.
<i>(Tell it to me later!)</i> | No me lo digas ahora.
<i>(Don't tell it to me now!)</i> |
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EXPLANATION: Attach pronouns to *affirmative* commands. Place them *before* *negative* commands.

- Use the chart below as a quick reference.

Reflexive	Indirect Object	Direct Object
me → nos	me → nos	me → nos
te → os	te → os	te → os
se → se	le → les	lo / la → los / las