Object pronouns

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Object Pronouns: Where do they go?

Hello! Today we're diving into Spanish **object pronouns**, which are short words that replace nouns (like 'book' or 'people') to make sentences shorter and flow more smoothly. Think of them like 'him', 'her', 'it', or 'them' in English. Usually, we place them **BEFORE the conjugated verb**. For example: *Juan me ve.* (Juan sees me).

Subject Pronoun	Direct Object (DOP)	Indirect Object (IOP)
Yo	me	me
Tú	te	te
Él/Ella/Usted	lo / la	le
Nosotros/as	nos	nos
Vosotros/as	os	os
Ellos/Ellas/Ustedes	los / las	les

Two Pronouns? And the magic 'se'

What happens when a sentence has **two pronouns**? One indirect object pronoun (IOP) and one direct object pronoun (DOP)? Remember the order: **first the indirect object pronoun (IOP), then the direct object pronoun (DOP)**.

Memory trick: **I.D.**! **I**ndirect before **D**irect. Simple as that!

There's also a very important rule: if the pronoun **le** or **les** (IOP) comes before **lo, la, los**, or **las** (DOP), then **le/les changes to se**. It's a little magic change to make it sound better!

se:

Watch out! We never say "le lo" or "les las". It always changes to "se lo", "se la", "se los", "se las"!

> Se lo explico bien.
> *I explain it well to him/her.*

When there's more than one verb or it's a command!

- In **normal and negative sentences**: Pronouns always go **BEFORE the conjugated verb**. (E.g., *No lo compres.* – Don't buy it.)
- In **constructions with an infinitive or gerund** (e.g., *querer ver*, *estar haciendo*): You have **two options**!
- 1. **BEFORE the conjugated verb**. (E.g., *Lo quiero ver.* – I want to see it.)
- 2. **ATTACHED to the infinitive or gerund**. Remember the **accent mark**! (E.g., *Quiero verlo.* – I want to see it.)
- In **affirmative commands** (when you tell someone to do something): Pronouns are **ALWAYS**

ATTACHED to the verb. Also remember the accent mark!

Lo quiero ver.
~~Quiero verlo.~~
Both forms are correct! Choose whichever you prefer.

¡Cómpralo!
Buy it!

Part 1 — Choose the correct word

Circle the option that correctly fills each gap.

1. _____ otra vez, por favor.
   Explain it to him again, please.
   A) Explícaselo B) Explícala C) Explícaselas D) Explícamelo

2. Estoy _____.
   I'm reading it.
   A) leyéndole B) leyéndote C) leyéndolo D) leyéndolos

3. Aquí tienes el café. ¿_____ ahora o más tarde?
   Here's your coffee. Do you want it now or later?
   A) Los quieres B) Lo quieres C) Le quieres D) La quieres

4. El plan es secreto. No _____.
   The plan is a secret. Don't explain it to him.
   A) se la expliques B) se lo expliques C) me lo expliques D) se los expliques

5. Queremos _____.
   We want to see her.
   A) verle B) verla C) verlo D) verlas

6. _____ hoy, mañana será más caro.
   Buy it today, tomorrow it will be more expensive.
   A) Cómpralos B) Cómprala C) Lo compra D) Cómpralo

7. Quiero _____.
   I want to buy it.
   A) comprarlos B) comprarle C) comprarlo D) comprarte

8. _____ un regalo.
   I'm giving him a present.
   A) Me doy B) Lo doy C) Le doy D) Les doy

Part 2 — Fill in the gap

Write the missing word or phrase on the line.

1. _____ cuando puedas esta tarde.
   Bring it to me when you can this afternoon.

2. No _____.
   I don't understand her.

3. Debemos _____.
   We must do it.

4. ¿Y las maletas? _____ para el viaje.
   What about the suitcases? I need them for the trip.

5. _____ doy ahora.
   I am giving it to you now.

6. No _____.
   Don't look for me.

Part 3 — Translate

Write each word in Spanish on the line.

1. them to him › _____

2. writing to me › _____

3. looking for them › _____

4. Give it to me › _____

5. Help us › _____

6. you all › _____

Part 4 — Match the pairs

Write the letter of the matching translation next to each term.

	Term		Translation
1.	te lo	A	that to you
2.	les	B	telling us about it
3.	decírtelo	C	to tell you
4.	te	D	them
5.	los	E	to them
6.	contándonoslo	F	preparing it for him
7.	me lo	G	you
8.	preparándoselo	H	it to me

Answer Key

Part 1 — Choose the correct word

1. A) Explícaselo
2. C) leyéndolo
3. B) Lo quieres
4. B) se lo expliques
5. B) verla
6. D) Cómpralo
7. C) comprarlo
8. C) Le doy

Part 2 — Fill in the gap

1. Tráemelo
2. la entiendo
3. hacerlo
4. Las necesito
5. Te la
6. me busques

Part 3 — Translate

1. se las
2. escribiéndome
3. buscándolas
4. Dámelo
5. Ayúdanos
6. os

Part 4 — Match the pairs

1. A (that to you)
2. E (to them)
3. C (to tell you)
4. G (you)
5. D (them)
6. B (telling us about it)
7. H (it to me)
8. F (preparing it for him)