

Pronouns

In English Subjects tell *who* or *what* does the action. **Direct objects** tell *who* or *what* receives the action, and **indirect objects** tell *for whom* or *to whom* an action is done.

Lisa gives the paper to her teacher.

<i>Who</i> gives?	Lisa	(subject)
<i>What</i> does Lisa give?	the paper	(direct object)
<i>To whom</i> does Lisa give the paper?	to her teacher	(indirect object)

Pronouns take the place of nouns:
 Subject pronouns: **I, you, he, she, it, we, you** (plural), **they**
 Direct and indirect object pronouns: **me, you, him, her, it, us, you** (plural), **them**

She gives her teacher *the paper*.
 She gives **it** to her teacher.

A In the following sentences, circle the subjects, underline the indirect objects, and put a box around the direct objects. Not all sentences have both direct and indirect objects.

1. Stewart offered Ana the tickets.
2. She gave them to me.
3. We invited Shannon and Ned.
4. They left a message for their parents.
5. Shannon sent me a package.
6. I opened it right away.

In Spanish Subjects also tell *who* or *what* does the action. **Direct objects** tell *who* or *what* receives the action, and **indirect objects** tell *for whom* or *to whom* an action is done.

Lisa le da el papel a su profesora.

¿ <i>Quién</i> da?	Lisa	(subject)
¿ <i>Qué</i> da Lisa?	el papel	(direct object)
¿ <i>A quién</i> le da el papel Lisa?	a su profesora	(indirect object)

Subject pronouns: **yo, tú, él, ella, usted, nosotros(as), vosotros(as), ellos, ellas, ustedes**

Direct object pronouns are: **me, te, lo, la, nos, os, los, las**
 Indirect object pronouns are: **me, te, le (se), nos, os, les (se)**

Unlike English, if an indirect object is used, the indirect object pronoun must also be used.

Ella **le** da el papel a su **profesor**.
Le and **les** change to **se** when followed by **lo, la, los** or **las**.
 Ella **se lo** da a su profesor.

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B In the following sentences, circle the subjects, underline the indirect objects, and put a box around the direct objects. Not all sentences have both direct and indirect objects.

1. Elena recibió una nueva mochila.
2. Paulina se la compró.
3. Eduardo vio la mochila esta mañana.
4. Luego él llamó a Paulina.
5. Ella le mandó una mochila a Eduardo también.
6. Él abrió el regalo hoy.

C Rewrite each of the following sentences using pronouns wherever possible.

1. Susana les manda una carta a sus tíos.

2. Sus tíos leen la carta.

3. Alejandro ve a sus tíos en el parque.

4. Mónica y Eduardo les piden la carta a sus tíos.

5. Susana y yo llamamos a Marta.

D Write the answer to each question using a direct and an indirect object pronoun.

1. ¿Quién le escribe un aviso al cliente? (Mariana)

2. ¿Quién te compró la chaqueta nueva? (mi padre)

3. ¿A quiénes les ofreces el café? (a mis amigos)

4. ¿Quién le pasó el balón a Eduardo? (yo)

5. ¿A quiénes mandaste las entradas? (a Sara y a Jaime)
