

In English Direct objects answer *whom* or *what*.

Andy reads the book.	<i>What</i> does Andy read?	the book
Carlos calls his parents.	<i>Whom</i> does Carlos call?	his parents

In English, direct objects can be replaced by **direct object pronouns**. You have already learned the direct object pronouns **him, her, it**, and **them**.

Fran invites <u>your sister</u> .	Fran invites her .
Patricia buys <u>the flowers</u> .	Patricia buys them .

The other direct object pronouns are **me, you** (*singular*), **us**, and **you** (*plural*).

Raúl calls me .	Pilar asks us .
Nuria invites you .	Teresa believes you .

A Circle the direct object pronouns in the following sentences.

- Elizabeth invites us to the party.
- David's brothers ask you for the address.
- Carol calls me in the morning.
- We invite you to the show.
- Gabriela asks you for the homework.
- Lauren believes me.
- Felipe calls us every weekend.
- I see you jogging every morning.

In Spanish Direct objects also answer *whom* or *what* and can be replaced by **direct object pronouns**. You have already learned the object pronouns **lo, la, los, las** (*him, her, it, them*). The remaining direct object pronouns are **me, te, nos, os** (*me, you, us, you [plural]*).

Me llama Raúl.	Nos ayudó Pilar.
Te invita Nuria.	Os cree Teresa.

Remember that direct object pronouns may be placed directly before the conjugated verb or attached to the infinitive.

Emilio me va a invitar al baile.	Emilio va a invitarme al baile.
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B Circle the direct object pronouns in the following sentences.

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| 1. <u>Me</u> llama una amiga. | 5. Voy a invitarte a mi fiesta. |
| 2. Roberto tiene que invitarnos. | 6. ¿Me necesitas, mamá? |
| 3. Elena te ayuda a cocinar. | 7. Nos mira el vecino. |
| 4. La profesora nos cree. | 8. Tengo que llamarlos. |

C Complete the following dialogue by choosing the correct direct object pronoun.

FRANCISCO Hola Silvia. Mira, quiero invitar (me/te) a mi fiesta el viernes.
 SILVIA ¿(Me/Os) invitas a tu fiesta?
 FRANCISCO ¡Claro que sí! Y a tu hermano también.
 SILVIA ¡Qué bien! Yo (te/nos) llamo el martes.
 FRANCISCO Tengo clase el martes. (Me/Los) llamo yo el miércoles.
 SILVIA Bueno, (te/nos) veo el viernes. Gracias por invitar (nos/te).
 FRANCISCO Adiós.

D Using the cues, write complete sentences that contain direct object pronouns.

1. Joaquín / ver / tú / en el café Mayapán
Joaquín te ve en el café Mayapán.

2. ustedes / poder / llamar por teléfono / yo

3. Marisol / ayudar / nosotros / a hacer la tarea

4. Eulalio / visitar / tú / en el hospital

5. nosotros / esperar / Paco y Toño / por una hora

6. el profesor / presentar / ustedes / a la clase

E Write each of the following sentences in Spanish two separate ways.

1. *We are helping them.*

2. *I want to see you.*

Explain in your own words the difference of placement of direct object pronouns in English and in Spanish.