


DIRECT & INDIRECT OBJECT PRONOUNS

| | Direct Object | Indirect Object |
|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Yo | ME | ME |
| Tu | TE | TE |
| Él, Ella, Usted | LO, LA* | LE |
| Nosotros/as | NOS | NOS |
| Vosotros/as | OS | OS |
| Ellos/as, Ustedes | LOS, LAS** | LES |


Person or Thing


Person

*If the Direct Object is a person, instead of a thing, the pronoun is **LE**

If the Direct Object is a person, instead of a thing, the pronoun is **LES

Ejemplo

"Ayer compré un regalo a mi esposa para San Valentín"

Yesterday I bought a gift to my wife for Valentine's

1) Determine what's what in the sentence using the verb ("compré") and Interrogative pronouns:

¿Qué? / ¿Quién? = What/Who [received the action of the verb]? → It tells you the Direct Object
¿Para quién? = For whom [was that action intended]? → It tells you the Indirect Object

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|---------|
| | <i>[yo]</i> | → | SUBJECT |
| · ¿Qué compró? | <i>un regalo</i> | → | D.O. |
| · ¿Para quién compró? | <i>para mi esposa</i> | → | I.O. |

2) Substitute:

- the D.O. for its pronoun --> *un regalo* = lo
- the I.O. for its pronoun --> *para mi esposa* = le

3) Re-write the sentence using now the Direct & Indirect Object Pronouns, and place them before the verb. The order is:

1- I.O. / 2- D.O. / 3- Verb

"Ayer ~~le~~ lo compré para San Valentín"



"Ayer se lo compré para San Valentín" *

*If both pronouns begin with the letter "L", the first one (I.O.) has to be switched to "se"