

# Pronombres Directos

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What is being taken? \_\_\_\_\_ or (en español) \_\_\_\_\_.

The picture (or “foto”) is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the sentence.

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1. Immediately \_\_\_\_\_ a conjugated verb.

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**OR**

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## How do I figure out which direct object pronoun to use in a Spanish sentence?

1. What is the verb in the sentence?
2. Who or what is receiving the action of the verb? Ask yourself, "Who/what is being \_\_\_\_\_?" (i.e. seen, eaten, sung, watched, etc.)
3. The answer to #2 is your DIRECT OBJECT!
4. Is the direct object referring to me, you, him, her, it, us, you all, or them?
5. Match the English direct object pronoun (#4) with the Spanish direct object pronoun.  
Me = me      You = te      Him/Her/It = lo/la      Us = nos      You all = os      Them = los/las
6. Place the Spanish direct object pronoun in one of two places:
  - a.) In front of the CONJUGATED verb
  - b.) Attached to an INFINITIVE verb
7. ¡Fin!

**\*\*The subject of the sentence (i.e. I, he, my friends, etc.) DOES NOT DETERMINE the direct object pronoun (i.e. me, te, lo, la, etc.)! The direct object pronoun is determined by the direct object only!**

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