

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

Claudia dusts the lamp.	What does Claudia dust?	<b>the lamp</b>
Marcos invites Teresa.	Whom does Marcos invite?	<b>Teresa</b>
Pablo makes the beds.	What does Pablo make?	<b>the beds</b>

**The lamp, Teresa, and the beds** are all direct objects because they answer *whom* or *what*. Direct objects can be replaced by **direct object pronouns**, such as, **him, her, it, or them**.

Claudia dusts <u>the lamp</u> .	Claudia dusts <b>it</b> .
Marcos invites <u>Teresa</u> .	Marcos invites <b>her</b> .
Pablo makes <u>the beds</u> .	Pablo makes <b>them</b> .

**A** Circle the direct object in the following sentences. Then write the direct object pronoun which could be used to replace the direct object.

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| 1. Fernando mops <u>the floor</u> .               | _____ |
| 2. Maricarmen vacuums <u>the rugs</u> .           | _____ |
| 3. My mom pays <u>the mechanic</u> .              | _____ |
| 4. Guadalupe clears <u>the tables</u> .           | _____ |
| 5. Manuela cleans <u>the basement</u> .           | _____ |
| 6. Lorenzo's dad calls <u>the cleaning lady</u> . | _____ |
| 7. Mateo does <u>the chores</u> .                 | _____ |
| 8. The homeowner hires <u>the gardener</u> .      | _____ |

it  
them  
him/her  
them  
it  
her  
them  
him

CAPÍTULO 3

**In Spanish** Direct objects also answer *who* or *what*. As in English, direct objects can be replaced by **direct object pronouns**. Four direct object pronouns are **lo, la, los, and las**. The direct object pronoun used depends on the gender and number of the direct object it replaces.

Sacudo <u>el polvo</u> .	<b>Lo</b> sacudo.
Quito <u>la mesa</u> .	<b>La</b> quito.
Hago <u>los quehaceres</u> .	<b>Los</b> hago.
Tiendo <u>las camas</u> .	<b>Las</b> tiendo.

Notice that the direct object pronoun comes right before the conjugated verb. The direct object pronoun can also be attached to the infinitive.

¿Quién tiene que lavar los platos?      Mi hermana **los** tiene que lavar.  
OR      Mi hermana tiene que lavar**los**.

**B** Circle the direct object in the following sentences. Then write the direct object pronoun which could be used to replace the direct object.

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| 1. Yo riego <u>las flores</u> .              | <u>las</u> |
| 2. Su padre barre <u>el cuarto de baño</u> . | <u>lo</u>  |
| 3. Tú llamas <u>al jardinero</u> .           | <u>lo</u>  |
| 4. Mi hermano tiende <u>la cama</u> .        | <u>la</u>  |
| 5. Los niños sacuden <u>el polvo</u> .       | <u>lo</u>  |
| 6. Mi madre ordena <u>los libros</u> .       | <u>los</u> |
| 7. Ustedes lavan <u>las toallas</u> .        | <u>las</u> |
| 8. El abuelo ayuda <u>la abuela</u> .        | <u>la</u>  |

**C** Answer the following questions replacing the direct object with the appropriate direct object pronoun.

1. ¿Quién quita la mesa en tu casa?

Mi hermano menor la quita.

2. ¿Tiendes las camas?

Sí, las tiendo.

3. ¿Quién limpia el comedor?

Bob lo limpia.

4. ¿Quién hace los quehaceres?

Bob los hace.

5. ¿Quién barre el piso de la cocina?

Bob lo barre.

6. ¿Quién cuida los jardines?

Bob los cuida.

7. ¿Quién generalmente limpia la casa?

Bob la limpia.

**D** Direct object pronouns cannot be used unless the direct object that they replace has already been stated. Explain why, using the sentences below as examples.

I clean it.

*Lo limpio.*

We cut them.

*Las cortamos.*

If the D.O. hasn't already been stated, it is unclear what the pronoun refers to.