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Indirect Object Pronouns

Indirect objects are nouns or pronouns that receive the action of the verb indirectly. They usually answer the question "to whom" or "to what."

Example:

Mary writes to the teacher.

Here is a chart of indirect object pronouns in Spanish:

Indirect Object Pronouns Spanish (English)		
	singular	plural
1 st person	me (me)	nos (us)
2 nd person	te (you)	os (you)
3 rd person	le (him)	les (them masculine)
	le (her)	les (them feminine)
	le (it)	les (them)

The only differences between the indirect object pronouns and direct object pronouns come in the third person singular and plural. It is always **le** for singular and **les** for plural. The indirect object pronoun comes before the verb, just like the direct object pronoun did.

Examples:

Mary writes me. **María me escribe.**

We greet you. **Te saludamos.**

Direct & Indirect Object Pronouns in Sentences

Sometimes you have both a direct object pronoun and an indirect object in the same sentence. When the indirect object pronouns **le** or **les** are used with the direct object pronouns **lo**, **la**, or **las**, the indirect object pronoun is replaced with **se**.

Example:

The teacher gives us homework. **El maestro nos da tarea.**

The teacher gives it (homework) to us. **El maestro nos la da.**

Juan gives it (the book) to her. **Juan se lo da.**

For the third persons singular and plural, you always have to put **le** plus the **verb**, with the direct object plus **a** plus the **indirect object**.

Example:

Juan gives his teacher a book. **Juan le da un libro a la maestra.**