

## Direct Object Pronouns

Study this chart of subject pronouns and direct object pronouns:

Subject Pronouns	Direct Object Pronouns
I	Me
You	You
He	Him
She	Her
It	It
We	Us
You	You
Theme	Them

The direct object can be replaced with a pronoun in a sentence. Let's consider one of the previous sentences:

“Silvio calls his parents” becomes “Silvio calls **them**” (this is because “parents” is a plural noun).

If the sentence was “Silvio calls **his father**,” it becomes “Silvio calls **him**” (this is because “father” is a singular masculine noun).

If the sentence was “Silvio calls **his mother**,” it becomes “Silvio calls **her**” (this is because “mother” is a singular feminine noun).

If the sentence was “Silvio trims **his tree**,” it becomes “Silvio trims **it**” (this is because “tree” is a thing, and the pronoun we use for animals and things is “it”).

### Exercise:

Rewrite the following sentences, replacing the direct object with the appropriate pronoun:

1. Antonio meets his new classmates. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Sylvie cleans her room. \_\_\_\_\_
3. My mother watches TV. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The teacher punishes the students. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Frank helps Nathalie. \_\_\_\_\_
6. The father feeds his son. \_\_\_\_\_

## B. Indirect Object

The indirect object is the person or the thing who receives the benefit of the direct object or who is affected by the direct object. The **indirect object** answers the questions: **to whom**, **to what**, **for whom**, or **for what**. In a sentence with both a direct and an indirect object, the indirect object usually comes before the direct object. Look at this example:

“Mark buys Jennifer a new house.” In this sentence, “Mark” is the **subject**, “buys” is the **verb**, “a new house” is the **direct object**, and “Jennifer” is the **indirect object**. Some more examples are:

1. Sam throws Nathalie the ball.

Question: Sam throws the ball **to whom**?

Answer: **Nathalie**. Nathalie is the indirect object.

2. Philip buys Sandra a bouquet of flowers.

Question: Philip buys a bouquet of flowers **for whom**?

Answer: **Sandra**. Sandra is the indirect object.

### Exercise 1:

Write the indirect object on the line in the following sentences:

1. Nate makes Grandpa a paper plane. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The neighbor gives the dog a treat. \_\_\_\_\_
3. The police officers pay the man a visit. \_\_\_\_\_

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