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Hoy es el ____ de _____
Tengo español en la __ hora

Español 1: Capítulo 5, Direct Object Pronouns

I. ENGLISH SENTENCE STRUCTURE

A. What is the direct object of a sentence in English?

“I buy a bed.” (*Yo compro una cama.*)

There are 3 questions to answer for every sentence.

- 1.) Find the verb of the sentence. _____
- 2.) Find the subject of the sentences. _____
- 3.) Finally ask: Who or what did you buy? _____
That is the direct object.

Locate the verb, subject and direct object of the following sentences:

- a. “You have a surf board.” “Tú tienes una tabla de surf.”
- b. “Marcos eats pizza.” “Marcos come pizza.”
- c. “Carla serves the carrots.” “Carla sirve las zanahorias.”
- d. “Carlos needs his mother.” “Carlos necesita a su mamá.”

B. What is a direct object pronoun?

A direct object pronoun (DOP) is the pronoun that replaces the direct object to reduce redundancy and repetition.

So “the orange” becomes “it” and “the eggs” become “them”

II. WHAT ARE THE DIRECT OBJECT PRONOUNS IN SPANISH?

A. The direct object pronouns must agree in number and gender with the direct object noun that it replaces:

me	nos
te	os
lo/la	los/las

For example, if the direct object is “las llaves” Ask yourself two questions:

1. Is it feminine or masculine? _____
2. Is it plural or singular? _____

Pick the appropriate Direct Object Pronoun to replace the following direct objects:

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| 1. the hotel | 2. the luggage | 3. nosotros |
| 4. María | 5. José | 6. the passports |
| 7. the bed | 8. las playas | 9. yo |

III. WHERE DOES THE DIRECT OBJECT PRONOUN GO IN A SENTENCE?

- A. Most of the time the direct object pronoun goes right before the verb in Spanish so the order is “subject + D.O.P + verb” (the subject is optional):
Ejemplo: Yo **lo** como. Or Yo **lo** voy a comer.

If there are 2 verbs in a row you can also say “Voy a comer**lo**.”

**Unscramble the following sentences. Then translate them to English.

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| 1. como yo las | 2. los tú necesitas |
| 3. me necesitas tú | 4. cocina María la |

IV. MORE PRACTICE

- A. First underline the direct object. Then rewrite each sentence, replacing the direct object with the direct object pronoun. Remember to ask yourself the questions from above.

Ejemplo: Tú comes manzanas verdes.

Tú las comes.

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| 1. Tú confirmas la reservación. | _____ |
| 2. Yo necesito una habitación doble. | _____ |
| 3. Benjamín busca (looks for) los ascensores. | _____ |
| 4. Mi mamá hace las maletas. | _____ |
| 5. Yo pago al empleado. | _____ |
| 6. Yo no encuentro la salida. | _____ |
| 7. La maestra necesita los libros. | _____ |
| 8. Tú necesitas a nosotros. | _____ |
| 9. Compramos un pasaje de ida y vuelta. | _____ |
| 10. Yo quiero a mi papá. | _____ |
| 11. Yo voy a sacar fotos. | _____ |
| 12. Vosotros no queréis tomar el ascensor. | _____ |