

PRONOMBRES INDIRECTOS - INDIRECT OBJECT PRONOUNS

◆ **Indirect Objects** tell to whom or for whom the action of the verb is performed (to whom or for whom something is done or given.) I gave John my ticket. To whom did I give my ticket? John.

◆ In English, nouns are replaced by pronouns. If we didn't have pronouns, we would have to keep repeating the noun, and our speech would become cumbersome. For example:

Did you give Joe and Ann the money? No, I thought you gave Joe and Ann the money!

But see how pronouns can make speaking simpler:

Did you give them the money? No, I thought you gave it to them!

◆ In Spanish, nouns are also replaced by pronouns. We have already learned the subject pronouns. There are also indirect object pronouns. Study the following chart.

subject pronouns*		indirect object pronouns	to or for
yo	I	me	me
tú	you	te	you
él ella usted	he she you	le	him her you
nosotros nosotras	we	nos	us
vosotros vosotras	you (pl.) familiar	os	you (pl) familiar
ellos ellas ustedes	they you (pl.) formal	les	them you (pl.) formal

Sometimes Spanish uses an indirect object pronoun when English would have used an object of the preposition.

I write him a letter.
I write a letter **to** him.

Le escribo una carta.
Le escribo una carta.

Note that the construction is the same in Spanish

We give them a party.
We give a party **for** them.

Les damos una fiesta.
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