**STUDY GUIDE: Direct Object Pronouns**

**Important to know:**

* A **DIRECT OBJECT PRONOUN (DOP)** *replaces*  the direct object in a sentence.
* We use **DOPs** in English all the time. **(i.e. When will you take the test? I will take IT tomorrow.** *IT replaces the word TEST***)**
* We can find the **direct object** that needs to be replaced by asking ourselves WHAT or WHO is receiving the action of the verb. **(i.e. I want a turkey sandwich from the cafeteria.** Q: *What do I want?* A: *The turkey sandwich.* **Therefore, “the turkey sandwich” is the direct object that will be replaced with a DOP).**
* In Spanish, DOPs always go **before the conjugated verb** in a sentence. **(i.e. Yo tengo un examen mañana. Yo lo tengo en la clase de inglés.)**

**DOP Conj Verb**

* When you have 2 verbs in a sentence, one is always conjugated and the other is infinitive. The **DOP** can either go **before the conjugated verb** or **be attached to the infinitive. (i.e. Voy a comprar un coche nuevo. = Lo voy a comprar. Voy a comprarlo.)**

**Cover the answers to the right. Try to figure out which DOP to use for the following nouns.**

1. el vestido azul 1. lo

2. dos clases fantásticas 2. las

3. una mujer interesante 3. la

4. algunos profesores fabulosos 4. los

\*\*Remember… if you can’t tell a nouns gender by looking at it, look at the article before it (el/la/los/las/un/unos/una/unas) and/or the **adjective** after it.

**Examples of re-written sentences using a DOP: (note: draw a box around the conjugated verb, underline the word you will replace).**

1. Yo quiero escuchar la música en clase. = Yo **la** quiero escuchar en clase. OR Yo quiero escuchar**la** en clase.

2. Tú necesitas dinero para comprar el almuerzo. = Tú **lo** necesitas para comprar el almuerzo.

**Answering questions:** When answering a question with a DOP, be sure to **UNDERLINE** the noun in the question that will be replaced with a DOP in the answer. Also, **box in** the conjugated verb that you will use in your answer, but **remember…you will likely need to use that verb in a different form! PAY ATTENTION TO THE QUESTION WORD!!**

Ej: ¿**Cuándo** puedes tomar el examen? ***Yo lo puedo tomar mañana. / Yo puedo tomarlo mañana.***

¿**Quién** ensayó las canciones? ***Los miembros de la banda las ensayaron. / María las ensayó.***