

French Object Pronouns

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A pronoun is simply a word that substitutes for a noun. The **French object pronouns** are called so because they are used instead of

the object

in a sentence. There are two types of object pronouns in French, depending on which object the pronoun replaces—d

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and

indirect object pronouns

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1. Direct object pronouns

Direct object pronouns are used in place of a person, place, thing or idea which the subject is acting upon. In other words, these pronouns receive the action of the verb. Let's look at the examples:

- (Elodie) I like Elodie. --> I like **her**.
- (A book) He is reading a book. --> He is reading **it**.
- (Pictures) The artist paints pictures. --> The artist paints **them**.

Here's the list of direct object pronouns in French:

me (m') — me

te (t') — you

le (l') — him, it

la (l') — her, it

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nous — us

vous — you

les — them

2. Indirect object pronouns

Indirect object pronouns refer to a person towards whom the action of the verb is being performed. This includes the people to whom (for whom) the subject of the sentence is doing something. Take a look at the examples:

- He talks to the students. --> He talks **to them**.
- I bought a gift for Amélie. --> I bought a gift **for her**.
- Please, give it to John. --> Please, give it **to him**.

Here's the list of indirect object pronouns in French:

me (m') — me

te (t') — you

lui — him, her

nous — us

vous — you

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leur — **them**