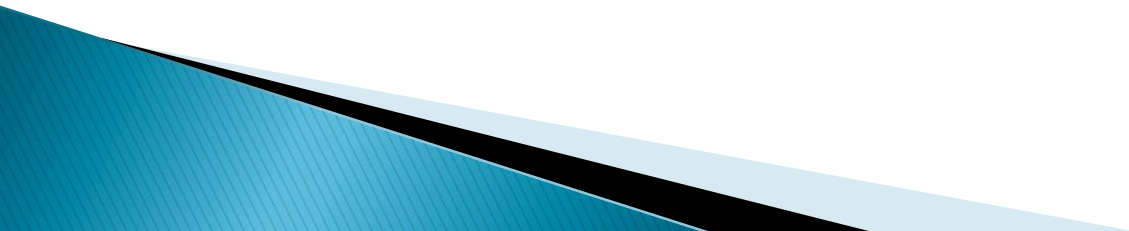


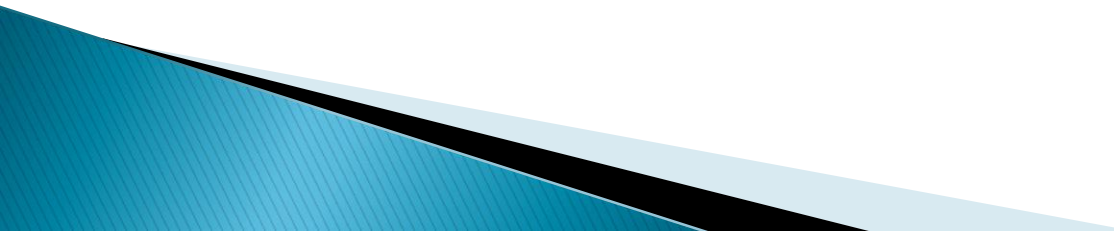
Indirect Object Pronouns and the verb *interesar*

What does a pronoun do?



Indirect Object

An indirect object is a person (or other noun) that is at the receiving end of a verb.

- ▶ I threw the ball to Tom.
 - ▶ We talk to the teacher.
 - ▶ Mystery novels interest those guys.
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Indirect Object Pronouns

Indirect object pronouns represent the indirect object, and are used to indicate toward whom an action is occurring. Look at these examples:

- ▶ He is talking to me.
- ▶ Elena gave a piece of cake to him.
- ▶ Please give her the pencil.
 - Please give the pencil to her.
- ▶ Astronomy interests me.

Indirect Object Pronouns

me	us	me	nos
you	you all	te	
him/her	them	le	les

Interesar

- ▶ The verb *interesar* (to interest) relies on the indirect object pronouns to help it get its point across. This is very similar in English:
 - Cars interest me.
 - Biology interests him.
- ▶ Notice that “cars” and “biology” are the subjects in these examples (and notice that the verb agrees with the subject).

Look at the same examples in Spanish:

- Los carros me interesan. (Cars interest me.)



subject





Notice that the verb agrees with the subject, not the object.

La biología le interesa. (Biology interests him.)

What is the subject?

Birds interest us.

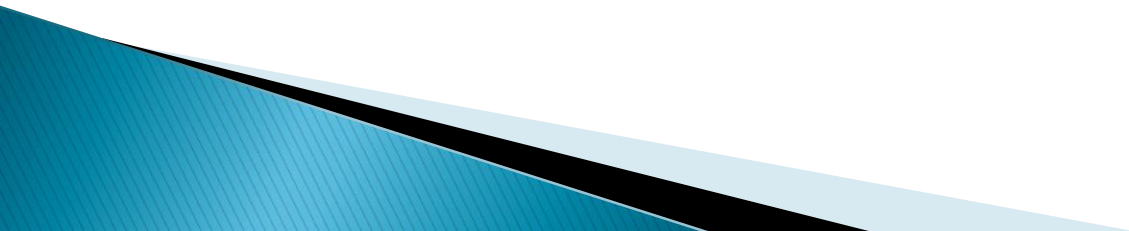
Spring break interests them.

Racing interests me.

Los caballos nos interesan.

La escuela me interesa.

Las matemáticas me interesan.



What is the object?

Birds interest us.

Spring break interests them.

Racing interests me.

Los caballos nos interesan.


La escuela me interesa.

Las matemáticas me interesan.


The word *a* and a name, noun, or pronoun may be added to the sentence to clarify or emphasize who is interested. This is especially important with the indirect object pronouns *le* and *les*, since they can each refer to different people.

– Los libros le interesan a Sara.

The indirect
object
pronoun is
still required.



The verb is plural
because “los libros” is
the subject.



For clarification



Spanish word order is often more flexible than English word order. Notice the similarities and differences between the following two sentences, which both mean the same thing and are both correct.

- A Sara le interesan los libros.
- Los libros le interesan a Sara.

Practice

Before continuing to the remaining slides, do As. 7–03 on Quia to test yourself.

Sample question:

Los libros _____ a Susana.

¿Qué te interesa?

Try writing sentences about things that interest you. Write five sentences.

¿Qué les interesa a tus amigos?

Write five sentences about things that interest your friends. You may want to write about them individually, or you may want to write about them as a group.