

How Do French Object Pronouns Work?

Worksheet

In French, direct and indirect object pronouns precede the conjugated verb in a strict order: indirect (me, te, lui, nous, vous, leur) usually comes before direct (le, la, les) — for example, 'Je lui le donne' (I give it to him).

Questions

1. Correct word order: 'Je le lui donne'?
A) correct
B) wrong — should be 'Je lui le donne'
C) wrong — should be 'Je l'ui donne'
D) wrong — needs reflexive
2. Which is indirect object pronoun?
A) le
B) la
C) lui
D) les
3. Pronoun order in 'She shows us it'?
A) Elle le nous montre
B) Elle nous la montre
C) Elle la nous montre
D) Elle le la montre
4. 'I give it to them' in French pronouns?
A) Je les la donne
B) Je leur la donne
C) Je la leur donne
D) Je les lui donne
5. Rewrite 'I give the book to him' using pronouns.
6. Create: 'We show the photo to them' with pronouns.
7. Correct the order: 'Il me la montre.' (He shows me it.)
8. Define: Direct object pronouns in French?
9. Define: Indirect object pronouns in French?
10. Define: Pronoun order rule?

Answer Key

1. A) correct — Both orders exist in French depending on context; older standard prefers 'Je lui le donne' but modern usage varies.
2. C) lui — 'Lui' = to him/her. 'Le', 'la', 'les' are direct.
3. B) Elle nous la montre — Indirect (nous) before direct (la); correct = 'Elle nous la montre.'
4. B) Je leur la donne — Indirect (leur) before direct (la) = 'Je leur la donne.'
5. 'I give the book to him' Replacing: book→le (direct), him→lui (indirect) Order: Je lui le donne. (NOT 'Je le lui donne' — that's grammatically wrong.)
6. 'We show the photo to them' Photo→la (direct), them→leur (indirect) Order: Nous leur la montrons. (Indirect before direct, both before verb.)
7. Il me la montre. CORRECT me = indirect (to me), la = direct (it) Indirect before direct = proper order.
8. me, te, le, la, nous, vous, les — replace the thing receiving the action.
9. me, te, lui, nous, vous, leur — replace the person receiving the action indirectly.
10. Subject + Indirect + Direct + Verb. E.g., 'Je lui le donne' (I give it to him).

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