#### Spanish

## Talking about reading preferences [2/3]

- Comparing advantages and disadvantages of differing reading formats
- Direct object pronouns

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#### La fonética

When they appear next to each other, the Spanish vowels [a], [e] and [o] are pronounced **separately**. These are 'strong' vowels.

#### Escucha unos ejemplos:

1 tebeo

2 leo

3 teatro

4 paseo

5 pasea

6 aloe



cansar	to tire
depender	to depend
recargar	to recharge
tocar	to touch
ventaja	advantage
desventaja	disadvantage
acabar	to finish
contigo	with you



### Direct object pronouns -ar verbs - infinitive and 3<sup>rd</sup> person singular

Read this English sentence:

I read comics. I read comics every day.

The word 'comics' has been repeated.

It is more natural, and sounds more fluent, to replace 'comics' with another word.  $\Box$ 

I read comics. I read **them** every day.

This is called a direct object pronoun. It replaces a noun that has already been mentioned (comics)

Here is another example:

I read the newspaper. I read it every morning.



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Direct object pronouns (DOP) depend on whether the noun is masculine/feminine/singular/plural

Masculine singular	Feminine singular	Masculine plural	Feminine plural
lo	la	los	las

### Which DOP goes in the gap?

Leo el periódico. Lo (eo)todos los días.

The DOP comes before a conjugated verb



#### Direct object pronouns

- 1) Me gustan las revistas. Las leo todos los días.
- 2) Mi padre lee los tebeos. **Los** lee los fines semana
- 3) A mi profesora le gustan las biografías. **Las** lee porque son interesantes.
- 4) A ti, te interesan las poesías y **las** lees dado que son emocionantes.

### No gap! Where does it go?

A ella, le encantan las novelas de amor . Las lee a menudo.



# **Summary: Las respuestas**

- 1. Which of these is a direct object pronoun? los ellos
- 2. Use **las** as a direct object pronoun for 'las revistas'.
- 3. Lo leo means I read it
- 4. We use direct object pronouns to replace a noun we have just mentioned. **True**
- 5. Ventaja means **advantage**