Indirect Object Pronouns

Object Pronouns are RECEIVERS of ACTION

Indirect object pronouns are indirect receivers of verb action. If you are in a conversation, and you already know who you are discussing, you can replace the name or person with "**to him**" or "**for him**", "**to them**" or "**for them**" etc. For example, If you walk in and say, "Mr. Bell, are you preparing those papers for John?" I can then respond by saying that I'm preparing the papers **for him**. (rather than using Jim's name again) Here is how it would look:

R 70

Señor Bell, ¿Está Usted preparando esos papeles para Juan?
Sí. **Le** estoy preparando los papeles.

Take a look at these words and what they mean:

me = to me, for me	**nos** = to us, for us
te = to you, for you (familiar)	**os** = to you all, for you all
le = to you, for you (formal) to him, for him to her, for her to it, for it	**les** = to you all, for you all to them, for them

NOTES:

A. The forms **le** and **les** are used to express both masculine and feminine indirect objects.

B. Since **le** and **les** may have several meanings, the intended meaning may be made clear by adding after the verb **. . a Usted, a él, a ella, a Ustedes, a ellos, a ellas.**

Le hablé a ella anoche.	I spoke to her last night.

C. The forms **me**, **te**, **nos** and **os** are also used as direct object pronouns, (see R 69); and as reflexive pronouns, (see R33).

D. The indirect object pronoun is usually placed *before* the verb.

Ana **le** habla.	Ann speaks to him.
Ella **me** escribe una carta.	She writes a letter to me. (She writes me a letter.)

E. The indirect object pronoun *follows* the verb, and is attached to it, if the verb is:

1. an infinitive (an unconjugated verb)
2. an affirmative command (a command where you tell someone **to do** something)

¿Quieres **decirme** lo que pasó?	Do you want to tell me what happened?
Escríbame una carta pronto.	Write me a letter soon. (Write a letter to me soon.)

Notice that when the indirect object pronoun is added to the end of an affirmative command, a written accent mark is required on the stressed vowel.

F. The indirect object pronoun comes *before* the negative command. (No **me** escribas.)
(Don't write to me.)