

El mapa: lo tengo aquí

Referring back to an object with lo/la/los/las

5 Exercises • Duration: 15 min.

Around town

Spanish

Do not repeat a known object

El mapa can become **lo**: **Lo tengo aquí**. **La carta** becomes **la**: **La tengo aquí**. Plurals use **los** and **las**: **Los billetes, los tengo**; **Las llaves, las tengo**. These small words agree with the thing, not with its owner.

Put it before the conjugated verb

In a simple statement, place the object word before the verb: **Lo veo, No la encuentro**. With **poder + infinitive**, you can also attach it to the infinitive: **Puedo verlo = Lo puedo ver**. Practise the first pattern now; the second is useful for recognition.

Ask about the item

¿Lo tienes? asks do you have it, when the masculine item is already known. **¿La ves?** asks can you see it for a feminine item. **Aquí, ahí** and **allí** help indicate here, there near you, and over there.

GRAMMAR**G1) CHOOSE THE FORM FOR THE MESSAGE**

Choose the right word for the gap.

Meaning: The map: I have it.

1 El mapa: _____ tengo.

- ☐ A lo
- ☐ B las
- ☐ C la

Meaning: The letter: I have it here.

2 La carta: _____ tengo aquí.

- ☐ A los
- ☐ B lo
- ☐ C la

Meaning: The tickets: I see them.

3 Los billetes: _____ veo.

- ☐ A los
- ☐ B lo
- ☐ C las

Meaning: The keys: you have them.

4 Las llaves: _____ tienes tú.

- ☐ A la
- ☐ B las
- ☐ C los

G2) COMPLETE A USEFUL EXCHANGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

Meaning: The bank? I have it on the map.

Lo La

¿El banco? _____ tengo en el mapa.

Meaning: The pharmacy: I can see it on the map.

la lo

La farmacia: _____ veo en el mapa.

Meaning: The letters? I do not have them.

las los

¿Las cartas? No _____ tengo.

G3) PUT THE MESSAGE TOGETHER

Put the words in order.

Meaning: The map, I have it here.

1 mapa, lo tengo El aquí.

Meaning: I cannot find it. (feminine)

2 la No encuentro.

Meaning: The tickets are there.

- 3 billetes ahí. están Los

G4) CONNECT THE MESSAGE AND ITS MEANING

Match the pairs.

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|-------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 las tengo | A I have it (feminine) |
| 2 la tengo | B I have it (masculine) |
| 3 lo tengo | C I have them (feminine plural) |

G5) CHECK THE CONTRAST IN A NEW CONTEXT

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

Meaning: The photos are pretty. I see them here. The map is big. I see it there.

Lo La Las

Las fotos son bonitas. _____ veo aquí. El mapa es grande.

_____ veo allí.