

**Signor Belli, chi L'ha invitata?
Dottor Ranieri, L'abbiamo vista
ieri sera alla televisione.**

Who invited you, Mr Belli?
We saw you on television last night,
Dr Ranieri.

2 The rule given above does not apply to *indirect* object pronouns: with these, the past participle of the verb never changes:

**'Hai telefonato a Anna e Sara?'
'Sì, *gli* ho telefonato.'**

'Did you phone Anna and Sara?' 'Yes,
I phoned them.'

**Quando è venuta Livia, *le* ho offerto
un gelato.**

When Livia came I offered her an ice
cream.

**Ho parlato con Carla e *le* ho detto
tutto.**

I spoke to Carla and told her
everything.

Non *ci* hanno scritto.

They didn't write to us.

3 As we saw in Units 7 and 10, when a direct or indirect object pronoun occurs in a sentence together with a verb in the infinitive (usually after **dovere**, **potere**, **volere** or **sapere**), it can be attached to the infinitive.

In these sentences, when the main verb is in the present perfect (or any other compound tense) there is no agreement of the past participle, even with direct object pronouns:

**'Hai letto tutti i libri?' 'Sì, ho
dovuto legger*li* tutti.'**

'Did you read all the books?' 'Yes, I
had to read all of them.'

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ma non ho ancora potuto
legger*la*.**

Carmen wrote me a letter, but I still
haven't been able to read it.

**Daniela ha molte compagne di
scuola, ma non ha voluto
invitar*le* alla festa.**

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but she didn't want to/wouldn't ask
them to the party.

**'Avete fatto gli esercizi?' 'No, non
abbiamo saputo far*li*.'**

'Did you do the exercises?' 'No, we
couldn't/didn't know how to do
them.'

However, when the direct object pronoun is not attached to the infinitive, the past participle must agree with it:

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