

# **Transitive and Intransitive Verbs**

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# Transitive Verb

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- A transitive verb is an action verb that is followed by a noun or pronoun that receives the action.
- A transitive verb has a direct object.

# Examples of Transitive Verbs

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○ **Ex: Mitchell fixed the table.**

○ **Ex: A kitten followed me home.**

○ **Ex: The alarm clock woke Ethan at seven.**

# Intransitive Verb

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○ An intransitive verb does not have a direct object.

○ Ex: The sun rises in the east.

○ Ex: She walks quickly.

# Direct Objects

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- The direct object is the noun or pronoun that receives the action of the verb.
- Direct objects tell who or what receives the action of the verb.

# Direct Objects

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○ **Ex: Annette adjusted the volume on the radio. (tells what)**

○ **Ex: I invited Keisha to my birthday party. (tells who)**

# Direct Objects

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○ **In some sentences, the direct object is compound.**

○ **Ex: Grandmother gave money and clothes to the charity.**

# Direct Objects

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**Directions: Underline the verb and circle the direct object in each sentence.**

○ **Mimi called Mr. Robbins last night.**

○ **The actor memorized his lines for the play.**

○ **The nurse checked my pulse.**



# Direct Objects

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- **The club elected Scott as treasurer.**
- **James wrote a poem for English homework.**
- **Sharon lost her best earrings.**
- **Many people read the newspaper daily.**
- **The store lost business after the fire.**

# Indirect Objects

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- The indirect object is a thing or a person to whom something is given, told, or taught.
- The indirect object is a noun or pronoun, and it comes before the direct object.

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○ **To test whether a word is an indirect object, move it after the direct object and put the word “to” in front of it.**

○ **Ex 1: Olive Oyl threw Popeye some spinach.**

○ **Ex 2: Olive Oyl threw some spinach to Popeye.**

# Indirect Objects

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○ **Ex: Ms. Nelson told us a funny story.**

**Directions: Label the subject, verb, direct object, and indirect object in each sentence.**

○ **The teacher handed Joe his assignment.**

○ **The bird provides her babies worms to eat.**

○ **My uncle taught me fishing techniques.**

○ **The group made their sponsor thank-you cards.**

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**Directions: Complete each sentence with an indirect object.**

- **Mr. Brown offered \_\_\_\_ two tickets to the concert.**
- **The president presented \_\_\_\_ the medal of honor.**
- **Dion promised \_\_\_\_ the last cookie.**

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- **Hiroko plays softball and tennis every summer.**
- **The stern judge gave a harsh sentence to the defendant.**
- **The news of war shocked the nation.**
- **The timid man muttered under his breath.**
- **The coach made a suggestion.**

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- **The buffalo herd stampeded across the prairie.**
- **The magician pulled a bird out of his sleeve.**