

Direct Objects

15h. A **direct object** is a noun, pronoun, or word group that tells who or what receives the action of the verb or that shows the result of the action.

A direct object answers the question *Whom?* or *What?* after a transitive verb. A direct object may be compound and, for emphasis, may precede the subject and verb.

EXAMPLES Liana had read that **book** before she met the **author**.

Should we elect the **secretary** or the **treasurer** next?

Do bacteria cause **whooping cough**?

What muscle **tone** and **stamina** that exercise program creates!

EXERCISE In the following sentences, underline the verbs once and the direct objects twice.

Example 1. You should have goals for your job.

1. Did our neighbor stake her new plants?
2. Have you read those chapters yet?
3. Had the enormous whirlpool trapped the schooner?
4. Dad and Mom planted decorative native grasses along the back fence.
5. Letitia, Ira, and Colin helped the pep squad and me with the goal post decorations.
6. After you remove all liquid from this solution, determine the amount of sodium remaining.
7. Once a week, Pearl added a fictional adventure to her journal.
8. Travel agents usually can answer questions about your destination.
9. During today's practice, Coach wants cooperation.
10. Where does Mr. Jepson keep the markers, poster board, and gluesticks for this project?
11. Everyone cheered the football team wildly because it had reached the state finals.
12. At the farmer's market we will buy spring onions, black-eyed peas, and peaches.
13. What great coordination Odelle, Jillian, and you bring to our defense!
14. For the awards banquet next month, invite someone as your guest.
15. Six of Eliot's great-grandchildren attended his ninetieth birthday party yesterday.
16. Graph the tallest mountains in the fifty states.
17. DeNiequa should be taking both of you with her when she buys groceries.
18. Mei-Ling watched the toolmaker as he finished the point on the shovel.
19. How much oil do sunflower seeds yield per pound?