

Direct Objects and Indirect Objects B

13b. A *direct object* is a noun, pronoun, or word group that tells who or what receives the action of the verb.

EXAMPLE Terence framed a **photograph** for his grandmother.

13c. An *indirect object* is a noun, pronoun, or word group that sometimes appears in sentences containing direct objects.

An indirect object tells *to whom* or *to what* or *for whom* or *for what* the action of the verb is done.

EXAMPLE Terence sent **her** the card for Grandparents Day. [Note: *Card* is a direct object.]

EXERCISE A In each of the following sentences, identify the underlined word by writing above it *DO* for direct object, *IO* for indirect object, or *OP* for object of a preposition.

Example 1. My uncle gave ^{*IO*} me a guitar for my birthday.

1. He also gave me a book of easy-to-play Beatles songs.
2. The book shows the reader the hand positions for each song.
3. So far, I have taught myself three songs.
4. I have learned "Yesterday," "Hey Jude," and "Yellow Submarine."
5. After he heard me play, my uncle praised me for my talent.

EXERCISE B In the following sentences, draw one line under each direct object and two lines under each indirect object. Not every sentence contains an indirect object.

Example 1. The coach offered us a chance to play.

6. Ms. Wong wrote the store a check for the groceries.
7. Sophie told Carmen the complete story.
8. Carl proposed a title for the film.
9. Offer our guest some soup, Cedric.
10. The newspaper article gave Cody an idea for a story.
11. Just in case, the purser issued every passenger a life vest.
12. Give yourselves a nice round of applause.
13. The avalanche carried away the empty cabin.
14. Mother gave Tim and me some money for lunch at school.
15. Helen gave a tour of the studio to Tonya and Peter.