


A collection of architectural drafting tools is arranged on a large architectural blueprint. The tools include a silver desk lamp in the top left, a large set square, a yellow folding ruler, a pair of compasses, and four markers in green, blue, red, and silver. The blueprint features a floor plan with labels such as 'TWO CAR GARAGE 20'5" x 21'4"', 'BED RM 2 10'0" x 12'4"', 'LAUNDRY', 'FOYER', 'CLO', 'CLO', 'BATH', 'BALCONY ABOVE', and 'STONE WALL'. Dimensions like '56'2" x 8"', '16'0"', and '10'0" x 12'4"' are also visible. The background is a brick wall.

Direct Objects



What are Direct Objects?

A **direct object** is a noun or pronoun that receives the action of a verb or shows the result of the action.

It answers the question "Who?" or "What?" after an action verb.

An action verb with a direct object is called a transitive verb.






How to Find Direct Objects

1. Find the prepositional phrase(s) of the sentence and label it.
2. Next, find the subject of the sentence and label it.
3. Third, find the verb, and label it as either linking or action.
4. Look for the noun that receives the action of the verb. Label it as the direct object.

Remember that linking verbs CAN'T have direct OR indirect objects. They have predicate adjectives and nouns.

A good **trick** to find out the direct object is to ask yourself, "what is being _____?" (insert verb here).



A desk with a lamp, a ruler, and markers. The background is a brick wall. The desk is white and has a lamp in the top left corner. A ruler is in the bottom right corner. There are two markers, one red and one white, in the bottom right corner. The text "Example" is in the top right corner.

Example

The boy gave Suzy apple
baby food.

A desk with a lamp, a ruler, and two pens. The lamp is in the top left corner. The ruler is in the bottom right corner. Two pens are also in the bottom right corner. The background is a brick wall.

Example 1

The boy gave Suzy apple
baby food.

There is no
prepositional
phrase.

The background of the slide is a photograph of a desk. In the top left corner, there is a silver desk lamp with a glass shade. A white ruler is placed diagonally across the bottom right of the desk. Two red markers are also visible on the desk surface. The entire scene is set against a brick wall background.

Example 1

Subject

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The boy gave Suzy apple
baby food.

There is no
prepositional
phrase.





Example 1

Subject

Action
Verb

The boy gave Suzy apple
baby food.

There is no
prepositional
phrase.





Example 1



What is being given?
The food is being
given.

Subject

Action
Verb

The boy gave Suzy apple
baby food.

There is no
prepositional
phrase.



Example 1

What is being given?
The food is being
given.

Subject Action
 Verb

The boy gave Suzy apple
baby food.

Direct Object

There is no
prepositional
phrase.



Example 2

Directions: Identify the prepositional phrase, subject, verb, and direct object.

Gary likes mashed potatoes
with sour cream.





Example 2

Subject



Action
verb



Direct
object




Gary likes mashed potatoes
with sour cream.

Preposition





A detailed architectural floor plan is spread across a white surface. The plan includes a 'TWO CAR GARAGE' (20' x 21'), a 'FOYER', a 'LAUNDRY' room, a 'BED RM 2' (10' x 12'), and a 'BALCONY ABOVE'. Dimensions like '56'-8"', '16'-0"', and '20'-0"' are visible. In the top left corner, a silver desk lamp is positioned. In the bottom left, a yellow folding ruler and a pair of compasses are laid out. Several white markers with green, blue, and red tips are scattered across the bottom half of the drawing. A large, light blue L-shaped ruler is placed on the right side of the plan. The background is a brick wall.


Indirect Objects



What are indirect objects?

An indirect object precedes the direct object and tells to whom or for whom the action of the verb is done and who is receiving the direct object. There must be a direct object to have an indirect object. Indirect objects are usually found with verbs of giving or communicating like give, bring, tell, show, take, or offer. An indirect object is always a noun or pronoun which is not part of a prepositional phrase.





How to Find Indirect Objects

1. Find the prepositional phrase(s) of the sentence and label it.
2. Next, find the subject of the sentence and label it.
3. Third, find the verb, and label it as either linking or action.
4. Look for the noun that receives the action of the verb. Label it as the direct object.
5. Look for the noun that tells to whom or for whom the action of the verb is done and who is receiving the direct object.

Remember that linking verbs CAN'T have direct OR indirect objects. They have predicate adjectives and nouns.

A good trick to find out the indirect object is to ask yourself for whom/to whom is the direct object being _____ (insert verb here).



A desk with a lamp, a ruler, and markers. The background is a brick wall. The desk is white and has a lamp in the top left corner. A ruler is in the bottom right corner. There are two markers, one red and one white, in the bottom right corner. The text "Example" is in the top right corner.

Example

The boy gave Suzy apple
baby food.

A desk with a lamp, a ruler, and two pens. The lamp is in the top left corner. The ruler is in the bottom right corner. Two pens are also in the bottom right corner. The background is a brick wall.

Example

The boy gave Suzy apple
baby food.

There is no
prepositional phrase.

A desk with a lamp, a ruler, and markers.

Example

Subject



The boy gave Suzy apple
baby food.

There is no
prepositional phrase.



Example

Subject Action
 Verb

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The boy gave Suzy apple
baby food.

There is no
prepositional phrase.





Example

Subject Action
 Verb

What is being given?
The food is being
given.

The boy gave Suzy apple
baby food.

There is no
prepositional phrase.





Example

What is being given?
The food is being
given.


Subject Action
 Verb

The boy gave Suzy apple
baby food.



Direct
Object

There is no
prepositional phrase.





Example

What is being given?
The food is being
given.

Subject Action
 Verb

The boy gave Suzy apple
baby food.

For whom/to
whom is the
direct object
being given?

Direct
Object

There is no
prepositional phrase.

Example

Subject Action Indirect What is being given?
Verb Object The food is being
 given.

The boy gave Suzy apple
baby food.

Direct
Object


There is no
prepositional phrase.



Practice

Directions: Identify the prepositional phrase, subject, verb, direct object, and indirect object.

My mother gave me a shiny penny.





Practice

Directions: Identify the prepositional phrase, subject, verb, direct object, and indirect object.

Subject

Action
Verb

Indirect
Object

My mother gave me a shiny penny.

Direct
Object