



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

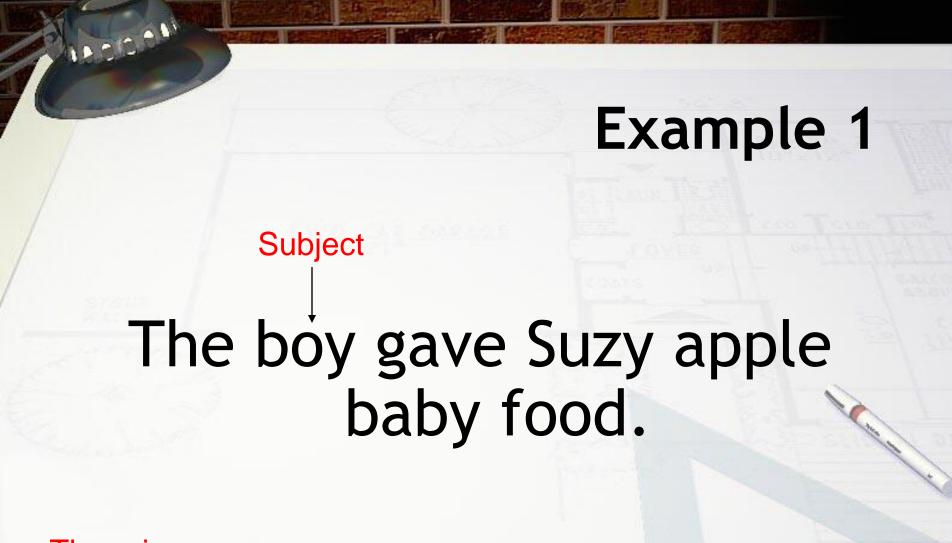
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- 2. Next, find the subject of the sentence and label it.
- 3. Third, find the verb, and label it as either linking or action.
- 4. Look for the noun that receives the action of the verb. Label it as the direct object.

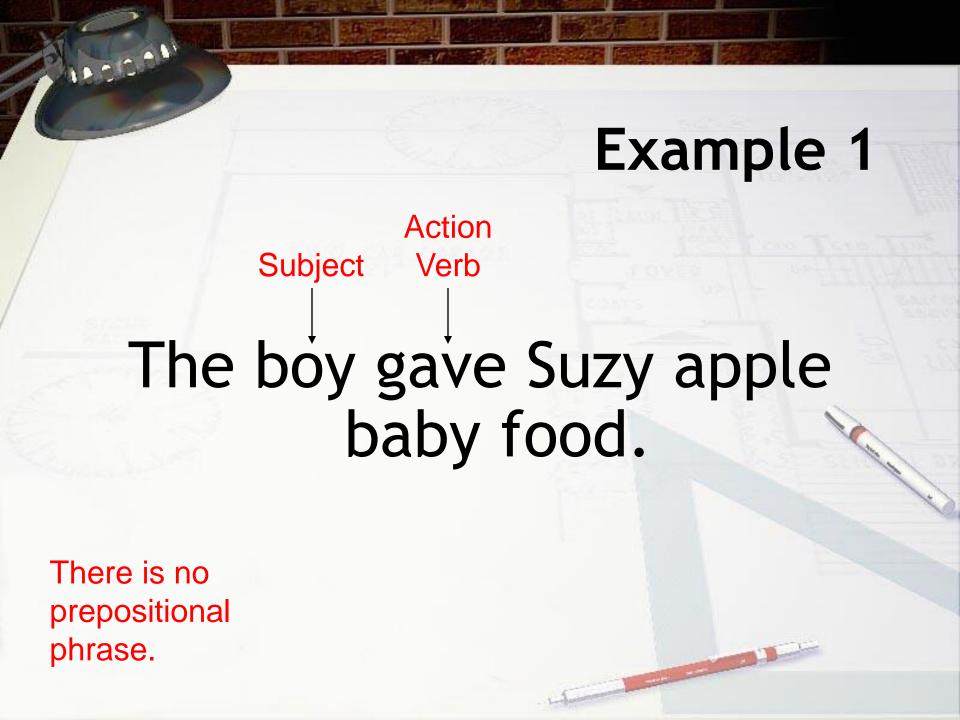
Remember that linking verbs CAN'T have direct OR indirect objects. They have predicate adjectives and nouns.

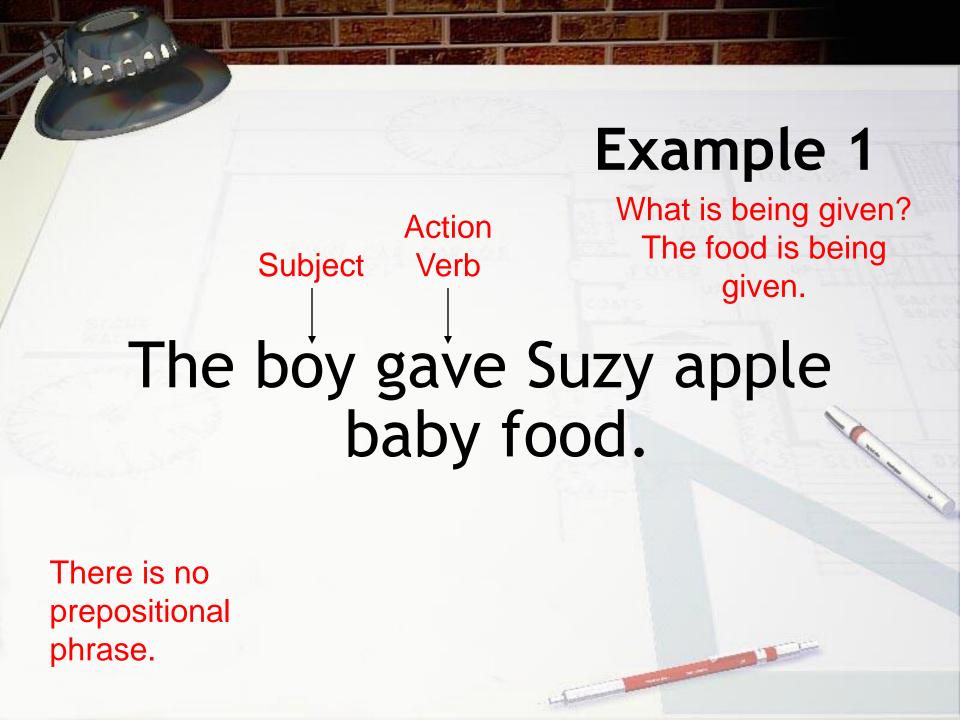
A good trick to find out the direct object is to ask yourself, "what is being _____?" (insert verb here).

The boy gave Suzy apple baby food.

Example 1 The boy gave Suzy apple baby food. There is no prepositional phrase.









What is being given?
The food is being given.

The boy gave Suzy apple baby food.

Action

Verb

Subject

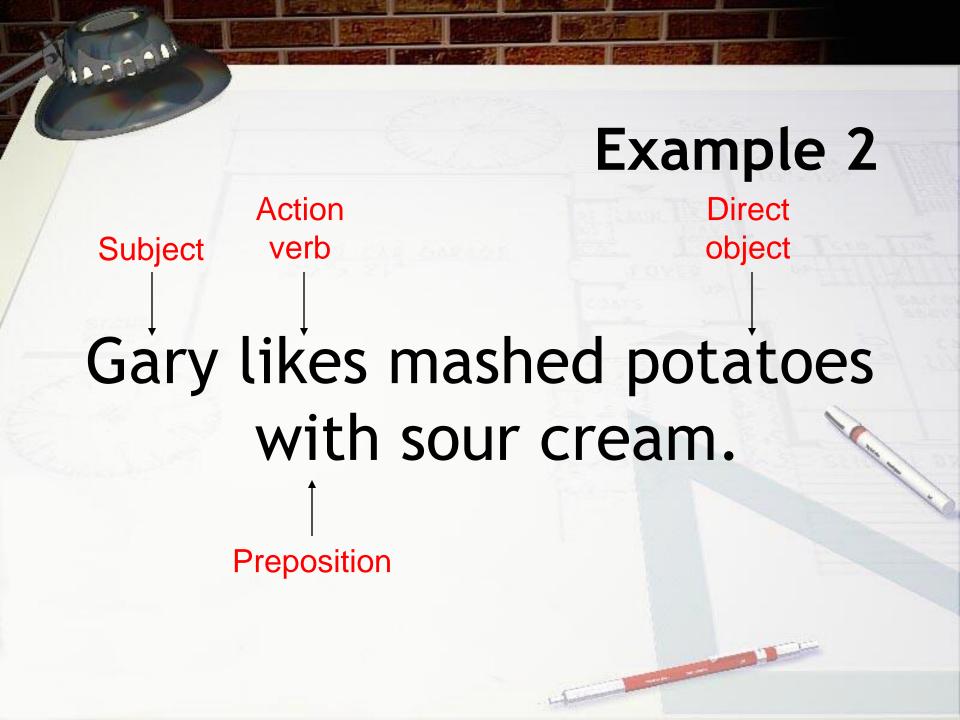
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Direct Object



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

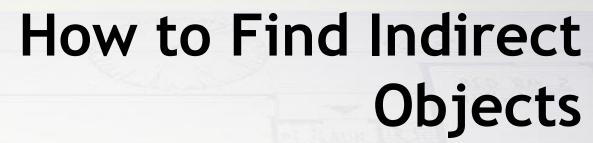
Gary likes mashed potatoes with sour cream.





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.



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- 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).

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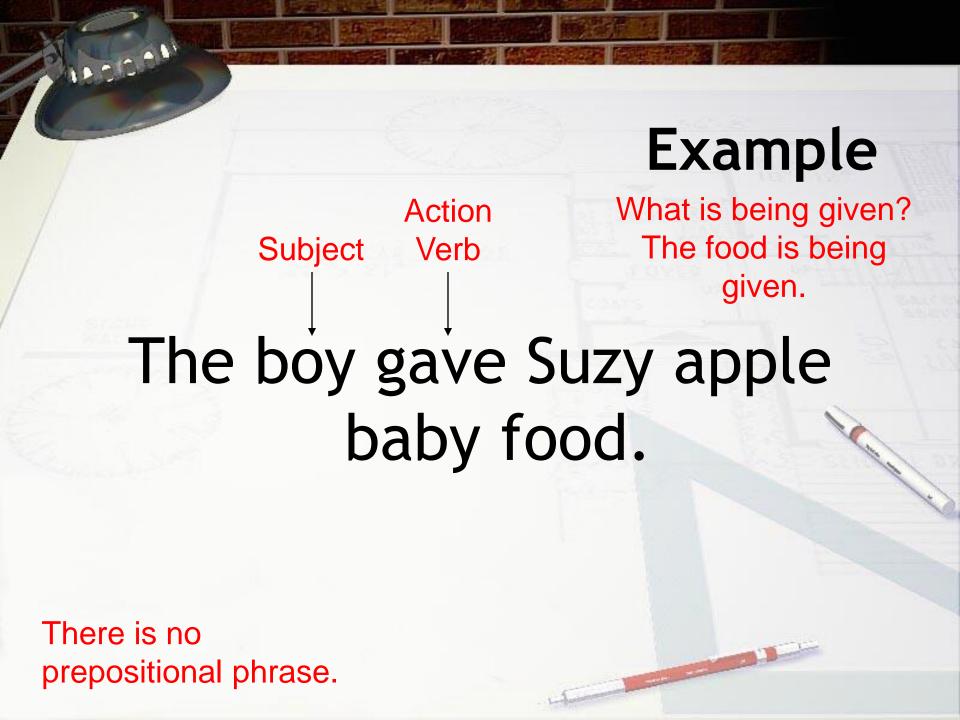
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Subject

The boy gave Suzy apple baby food.

Subject Verb

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Subject Verb

What is being given?
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Direct Object



Action
Subject Verb

What is being given?
The food is being given.

The boy gave Suzy apple baby food.

There is no prepositional phrase.

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

Direct Object



Action Indirect What is being given?

Subject Verb Object The food is being given.

The boy gave Suzy apple baby food.

Direct Object



Practice

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

My mother gave me a shiny penny.



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

Action Indirect Verb Object

My mother gave me a shiny penny.

Direct Object