

Sentence Diagramming

Lesson 7 - Indirect Objects

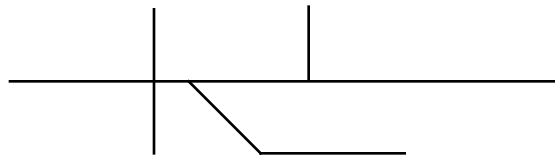
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Directions: A sentence with an action verb MAY contain an indirect object as well as a direct object. Indirect objects answer the question, "To whom?" or "For whom" about the verb.

Example 1: The teacher gave the class an assignment.

To find the direct object ask, "Gave who?" or "Gave what?" (assignment)

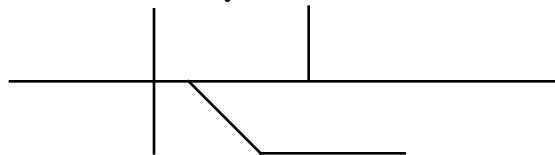
To find the indirect object ask, "Gave to whom?" or "Gave for whom?" (class)



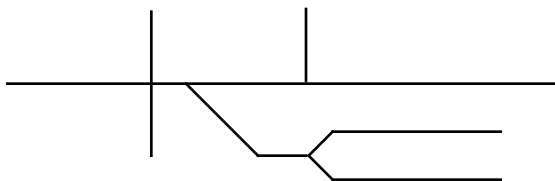
Example 2:

A sentence will never have an indirect object unless there is also a direct object. Also, the indirect object must come between the verb and the direct object. The two sentences below say the same thing, but only one of them has an indirect object. Try diagramming the one you think has an indirect object.

I sent my father a letter.
I sent a letter to my father.



Example 3: The large tiger gave the lion tamer and the silly clown a kick.



Exercises - Be careful, some of the sentences don't have indirect objects.

1. The starship Enterprise headed toward Alpha II. (2)

2. Captain Kirk beamed himself down to the planet's surface. (4)

3. Spock sent Kirk a coded message. (4)

4. Chekov was pretending in the Captain's chair. (3)

5. McCoy and Scotty gave Chekov a hard time. (6)

6. Kirk heard about it and gave Chekov a pay cut. (6)

7. Meanwhile, Sulu noticed an alien warship on the viewing screen. (3)

8. Spock radioed Kirk and told him the news. (7)

9. Scotty beamed Kirk up. (3)

10. Kirk evaded the warship and sent Starfleet a message. (7)
11. The teacher gave my family a rectangular home. (4)
12. The fifth grader fed my cousins. (4)
13. The loud bell gave me a headache. (4)
14. The great teacher across the hall gave me some food and read me a story. (8)
15. My little furry legs give me warmth in the winter. (4)
16. Stop and visit me. (5)