



Direct Objects and Indirect Objects

► Verbs with Direct Objects

DIRECT OBJECTS		
SUBJECT	VERB	DIRECT OBJECT
People	make	special food.
Some people	send	cards and gifts.

► Verbs with Direct and Indirect Objects

DIRECT OBJECT + TO/FOR + INDIRECT OBJECT				
SUBJECT	VERB	DIRECT OBJECT	TO/FOR	INDIRECT OBJECT
People	send	cards and gifts	to	them.
	make	special food	for	their friends.

INDIRECT OBJECT + DIRECT OBJECT			
SUBJECT	VERB	INDIRECT OBJECT	DIRECT OBJECT
People	make	their friends	special food.
	send	them	cards and gifts.

Verbs with Direct Objects

- Some verbs have a direct object.
- A direct object is a person or a thing that receives the action of a verb. A direct object can be a noun or an object pronoun.
- A direct object follows a verb.

Many people send **cards**. Some people make **them**.

Verbs with Direct Objects and Indirect Objects

- Some verbs have two objects: a direct object and an indirect object.
- An indirect object is a person who receives the direct object. An indirect object can be a noun or an object pronoun.

Direct Object + To/For + Indirect Object

- All verbs with both direct and indirect objects can follow this pattern: direct object + *to/for* + indirect object. In this pattern, the indirect object comes after the direct object. It follows *to* or *for*.

I gave a book **to Irina**.

I cooked a meal **for Lee**.

- We can use this pattern with the verbs below.

To + Indirect Object

bring mail say teach
describe offer sell tell
explain owe send write
give repeat show

For + Indirect Object

bake do make
build fix prepare
buy get
cook leave

Indirect Object + Direct Object

- Some verbs with both direct and indirect objects can also follow this pattern: indirect object + direct object. In this pattern, the indirect object comes before the direct object, without the prepositions *to* or *for*.

I cooked **Lee** a meal.

X I cooked for Lee a meal. (INCORRECT)

- We can use this pattern with the verbs below.

bake bring build buy cook do get give leave mail
make offer owe read save sell send show tell write