

# Indirect Objects

## Pre-Test

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**DIRECTIONS:** Place the letter IO under each indirect object.

**EXAMPLE:** The community presented Robert an award.

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1. Mr. Hooper gave me the highest grade in Chemistry I.
2. The carpenter handed his assistant a level, and the two men started to build our deck.
3. Susan told my sister a blatant lie about our camping trip.
4. Helen's training provided her the necessary stamina to run a marathon race.
5. Mr. Crenshaw's savings account pays him high interest and provides his family additional income for emergencies.
6. Male birds often bring the young fledglings food.
7. Some people believe that the world owes them a living.
8. My mother offers us her solution to rearing children when she says, "Give me your child for the first seven years, and you can have him for life."
9. Many people offered my father encouraging advice about starting a business, but not one person gave him financial support.

10. If you tell me the answers to everything, I'll never learn how to think for myself.
11. My little brother built our puppy a doghouse.
12. Our camp director provided us maps for the proposed hike into the wilderness.
13. Most domesticated pets want to be trained and disciplined.
14. Nickie's parents gave her a trip to Europe last summer.
15. Coach Reynolds offers his players inspiration to be scholars as well as athletes.

## Identifying Indirect Objects

**Indirect Objects are found in sentences which pattern in the following way:**

<u>Subject</u>	+	<u>Verb</u>	+	<u>Noun</u>	+	<u>Noun</u>
Harry		told		Susan	a	secret.

In the sentence pattern, the two nouns which follow the verb identify first the indirect object and then the direct object. The pattern is always the same.

<u>Subject</u>	+	<u>Verb</u>	+	<u>Indirect Object</u>	+	<u>Direct Object</u>
Aunt Helen		brought		Mother	a	dress.
Mark		sold		Robert	his	car.
The company		offered		Father	a	job.

Note that in each sentence the verb denotes action: told, brought, sold, and offered.

The direct object is always the person or thing, which receives the action from the verb.

What was told? A secret.

What was bought? A dress.

What was sold? A car.

What was offered? A job.

Note, too, that the indirect and direct objects identify different references:

INDIRECT OBJECTS (reference # 1)

DIRECT OBJECTS (reference # 2)

Susan

secret

Mother

dress

Robert

car

Father

job

Finally, test the sentence pattern by using a preposition before the indirect object.

Harry told to Susan a secret.

Aunt Helen bought for Mother a dress.

Harry told a secret to Susan.

Aunt Helen bought a dress for Mother.

## Post-Test

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DIRECTIONS: Place the letter ID under each indirect object.

1. New concepts in learning provide students options and give them varied experiences.
2. During our tour of German castles, our guide told us an incident about a jealous husband who denied his wife freedom to leave the castle grounds.
3. Linda's parents gave her a typewriter for her birthday.
4. Humboldt County offers tourists numerous activities to fill their vacation days.
5. Allow me the pleasure of introducing the guest speaker.
6. The attorney asked me embarrassing questions about my closest friends.
7. Bob's boss often assigned her menial tasks late Friday afternoons.
8. At social events, Father usually sends Mother signals that it's time to depart, and she in turn gives him a knowing smile as she offers the host and hostess apologies for leaving the party early.
9. At no time did Herbert promise Martha a life without struggles, but he conveniently failed to tell her the whole truth about his sordid past.
10. As a single parent, Mr. McCarthy provides his children discipline, love, concern, and security.

11. Recent experiments have shown that pets offer elderly people opportunities to display affection without fear of rejection.
12. My doctor gave me a lecture about the dangers of smoking.
13. Shannon wrote Pat an account of her trip to the Trinity Alps.
14. Jake made me an offer that I couldn't refuse.
15. Tell me the truth, and I'll give you a straight answer.

**Answer Key: Pre-Test**

- 1. Me**
- 2. Assistant**
- 3. Sister**
- 4. Her**
- 5. Him, family**

- 6. Fledglings**
- 7. Them**
- 8. Us, me**
- 9. Father, him**
- 10. Me**

- 11. Puppy**
- 12. Us**
- 13. (None)**
- 14. Her**
- 15. Players**

**Answer Key: Post-Test**

- 1. Students, them**
- 2. Us, wife**
- 3. Her**
- 4. Tourists**
- 5. Me**

- 6. Me**
- 7. Him**
- 8. Mother, him, host and hostess**
- 9. Martha**
- 10. Children**

- 11. People**
- 12. Me**
- 13. Pat**
- 14. Me**
- 15. Me, you**