

Direct Objects

Pre-Test

A score of 90% or better on this pre-test indicates mastery of the skills for which this test has been designed.

DIRECTIONS: Circle the direct objects that appear in the following sentences.

Answers are on the last page.

- 1. When the Falcons played the Rams last Sunday, both teams displayed courage.*
- 2. Both quarterbacks showed maturity and agility.*
- 3. When the Falcons sacked Ferragamo, they recovered a fumble, but the referee gave the ball back to the Rams.*
- 4. Drew Hill caught a pass, shoved his opponent, and made a touchdown.*
- 5. The determined Falcons held the Rams at the five yard line.*
- 6. The Falcons then lost an excellent opportunity when they missed a thirty yard field goal.*
- 7. In the last two minutes of the game, the Falcons threw a long pass and made a touchdown.*

8. *The Rams then made a drive and completed a pass on the Atlanta forty-four yard line.*
9. *With one second left in the game, the Rams tried a field goal from the Atlanta fifty yard line.*
10. *Failing to score, the Rams lost the game, and the Falcons added another victory to their winning record*

Do not confuse direct objects with complements. Nouns or pronouns which follow linked verbs are complements, not direct objects. Direct objects are always nouns or pronouns (verbs used as nouns have been omitted here) which identify the person, place, or thing receiving the action from the verb.

A direct object will never be found in a prepositional phrase; therefore, if you mark off the prepositional phrases, you simplify the process of identifying direct objects. One clue which often helps in identifying direct objects is to pose and answer questions, such as those in this lesson.

KEY:

S = Subject DO = Direct Object

V = Verb Prep. Phrase

Sentence: *Jasper s hit v the ball DO.*

Question: *What did Jasper hit?*

Answer: *The ball. Because the ball received the action from the verb, the ball is the object.*

Sentence: My mother s scolded v me DO [for being late] pp.

Question: Whom did mother scold?

Answer: Me

Sentence: Aunt Martha s took v my sister DO and me DO [on vacation] pp.

Question: Whom did Aunt Martha take?

Answer: Sister, me (Be aware that there will sometimes be more than one direct object in a sentence.)

Sentence: Jack s returned v the tools DO [to the garage] pp and washed v his hands DO [at the kitchen sink] pp.

Question: What did Jack return? What did Jack wash?

Answer: Tools Hands

Practice with the next sentence by giving the answers to the question and identifying the direct objects.

Sentence: I s like v Mr. Wilson because he s gives v precise answers [to my questions] pp.

Questions: Whom did I like? What does he give?

Answers: Mr. Wilson Precise answers

Post-Test

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DIRECTIONS: Circle the direct objects which appear in the following sentences.

Answers are on the last page.

- 1. Early in the Tampa–San Francisco football game, Forty Niner Fred Solomon received the kick-off punt in the fifty yard line, eluded three tackles, and ran the punt-return in for a touchdown.*
- 2. The Tampa Bay Buckineers' Gary Davis then returned the Forty Niners' punt to the San Francisco forty-six yard line, and on the next play he lunged forward and reached the thirty yard line.*
- 3. Eckwood then split the line and gained nine yards.*
- 4. Needing two yards for a first down, the Bucks made a second effort, when Eckwood leaped in the air and scored a goal to tie the score.*
- 5. San Francisco's quarterback Joe Montana hit Cooper and Clark with short passes, but the Forty Niners failed to score when a penalty negated Elliot's long run.*
- 6. During the next series of plays, neither team succeeded in advancing the ball very far.*
- 7. San Francisco's punt took a favorable bounce and rolled down to the Buck's seventeen yard line.*
- 8. A ball which should have been caught by a Buck was intercepted by San Francisco's Dwight Hicks, who made his fifth interception of the year.*

9. *A former Notre Dame player, Joe Montana remained in control under pressure and took his team far enough down field so that San Francisco could score a field goal.*
10. *During the last minute of the first half, San Francisco used rushing plays; then completed three passes and scored three more points with a successful goal attempt.*

Pre-Test Answers

1. *Rams, courage*
2. *Maturity, agility*
3. *Ferragamo, fumble, ball*
4. *Pass, opponent, touchdown*
5. *Rams*
6. *Opportunity, goal*
7. *Pass, touchdown*
8. *Drive, pass*
9. *Goal*
10. *Game, victory*

Post-Test Answers

1. *Punt, tackles, punt-return*
2. *Punt, line*
3. *Line, yards*
4. *Effort, goal*
5. *Cooper, Clark, run*
6. *(None)*
7. *Bounce*

8. *Interception*

9. *Team, goal*

10. *Plays, passes, points*