



Mini Lesson 041 - Direct and Indirect Objects

Explanation:

In a sentence, an **object** is the noun or pronoun that receives the action of the verb.

There are two types of objects:

1. **Direct Object:** The direct object answers the question **"what?"** or **"whom?"** after the verb. It directly receives the action.

- Example: *She gave a book to me.*

- Direct object: *a book* (What did she give? A book.)

2. **Indirect Object:** The indirect object answers the question **"to whom?"** or **"for whom?"**. It is the person or thing that benefits from or is affected by the action.

- Example: *She gave a book to me.*

- Indirect object: *me* (To whom did she give the book? To me.)

Structure:

- **Direct Object First:** Subject + Verb + Direct Object + Preposition + Indirect Object

- Example: *She sent a letter to her friend.*

- **Indirect Object First:** Subject + Verb + Indirect Object + Direct Object

- Example: *She sent her friend a letter.*





Exercises

Section 1: Identify the Direct and Indirect Objects

1. He gave his friend a gift.
2. They told me the story.
3. She sent the invitation to Sarah.
4. We bought our parents a new television.
5. I showed him the pictures from the trip.

Section 2: Rewrite the Sentences by Switching the Order of the Objects

1. He gave a gift to his friend.
2. They told the story to me.
3. She sent Sarah the invitation.
4. We bought a new television for our parents.
5. I showed the pictures from the trip to him.





Section 3: Fill in the Blanks with the Correct Object Order

1. She handed _____ (her boss / the report).
2. We offered _____ (a seat / the elderly man).
3. The teacher explained _____ (the lesson / the students).
4. They lent _____ (some money / their friend).
5. He served _____ (a slice of cake / her).

Section 4: Error Correction

Correct the mistakes in these sentences:

1. I told to him the secret.
2. She gave the book me.
3. They offered the elderly man to a seat.
4. He handed to me the keys.
5. We sent for her the invitation.





Answers

Section 1:

1. Direct: a gift, Indirect: his friend
2. Direct: the story, Indirect: me
3. Direct: the invitation, Indirect: Sarah
4. Direct: a new television, Indirect: our parents
5. Direct: the pictures, Indirect: him

Section 2:

1. He gave a gift to his friend.
2. They told the story to me.
3. She sent Sarah the invitation.
4. We bought a new television for our parents.
5. I showed the pictures from the trip to him.

Section 3:

1. her boss the report
2. the elderly man a seat
3. the lesson to the students
4. their friend some money
5. her a slice of cake

Section 4:

1. I told him the secret.
2. She gave the book to me.
3. They offered the elderly man a seat.
4. He handed me the keys.
5. We sent her the invitation.

