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Direct Objects (The Direct Object, Compound Direct Objects) • Practice 1

The Direct Object A direct object is a noun or pronoun that receives the action of a transitive verb.

DIRECT OBJECTS

Marge often drinks ^{DO} milk. I will ask ^{DO} him later.

Compound Direct Objects A compound direct object is two or more nouns or pronouns that receive the action of the same transitive verb.

COMPOUND DIRECT OBJECTS

Bill needs a new ^{DO} sweater and ^{DO} tie.
I read a ^{DO} newspaper and a ^{DO} magazine each day.

Exercise 1 Recognizing Direct Objects. Circle the direct object or the compound direct objects in each sentence.

EXAMPLE: Jay told Carol and her about it.

1. We will plan the project for the fair carefully.
2. The next morning Sally took her driving test.
3. Gloria expects them to arrive at seven.
4. She bought gloves, a scarf, and two skirts.
5. I want my parents and my grandparents to know first.
6. Will you write her about your victory?
7. The new car has an automatic transmission and cruise control.
8. My mother injured her hand this morning.
9. For graduation my sister got a new laptop and a camera.
10. Tell Bill and them to wait for the decision.

Exercise 2 Using Direct Objects. Fill in the blanks in the sentences below with appropriate direct objects. Use both nouns and pronouns.

EXAMPLE: I reached New Haven the next day.

1. After two hours I closed the shop.
2. Ask them about the second-half comeback.
3. I want him and her to represent us.
4. Will you remind us about the junior high dance?
5. In the bakery, buy some biscuit, bread, and cake.
6. I saw violence at the movies yesterday.
7. On the weekend she wrote a novel.
8. Do you have training for the football game?
9. We will welcome Ben and Tim to our class.
10. Next week Father will build a house and a shop.