

Direct Objects (The Direct Object, Compound Direct Objects) • Practice 2

Exercise 1

Recognizing Direct Objects. Each of the following sentences contains a direct object. Underline each direct object.

EXAMPLE: She quickly opened the letter.

1. My aunt approached the door cautiously.
2. Sally gave our puppy to the Wilsons.
3. The patients take their medicine three times a day.
4. My mother sent the clothing to the Red Cross.
5. At night she often eats frozen dinners.
6. We received oranges from Florida.
7. I want them here now.
8. He winds his gold watch each morning.
9. After lunch she gave an account of the accident.
10. They did not serve any dessert after dinner.
11. Marlene picked six hollyhocks for her new vase.
12. Liz put the new saddle on the horse.
13. Bob examined the underside of the fern leaves.
14. The giant Ferris wheel carried fifty passengers.
15. The new student plays the cornet very well.

Exercise 2

Recognizing Compound Direct Objects. Each of the following sentences contains a compound direct object. Underline only the nouns or pronouns that make up each compound direct object.

EXAMPLE: Don't forget the carrots or the spinach.

1. At the market buy some lettuce, carrots, squash, and tomatoes.
2. After class Mr. Simpson complimented Ned and him on their project.
3. Did they buy a sedan or a minivan?
4. I shocked Mary and Bob with my story.
5. I saw him and her at the movies.
6. The train passed New York, Philadelphia, and Baltimore while I slept.
7. Linda and Alan planted marigolds and petunias in their garden.
8. The poet Sylvia Plath wrote many poems and one novel.
9. She has always loved ships and the sea.
10. Sara bought a new blouse and a yellow skirt and blue shoes.
11. For your sandwich, you can use tuna and lettuce.
12. Does Dan play the flute or the clarinet?
13. At the farm, we saw foals, calves, and lambs.
14. Robert is allergic to fish and walnuts.
15. Butterflies, bees, and insects visited the roses, the irises, and the lilies.