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Direct Objects (in Questions) • Practice 2

Exercise 1

Finding Direct Objects in Questions. Underline the direct object in each of the following sentences.

EXAMPLE: What were you thinking?

1. Which photograph did she take?
2. Whom does he expect this evening?
3. What did you do with the package?
4. Where will you spend your vacation?
5. Which books have they read?
6. How many videos did you buy?
7. Which suggestions have they considered so far?
8. What have you heard about the astronauts?
9. When will the judges announce the awards?
10. Which color have they chosen for the new curtains?
11. Which dessert do you prefer?
12. Whom did you see at the video store?
13. What did you give Sarah for her graduation?
14. Where does Melissa keep her games?
15. Which puppy destroyed the pillow?
16. How many CD's did you play today?
17. Which pizza did Alfonse order for us?
18. When will the store have the books in stock?
19. How can you have forgotten that wonderful trip?
20. What message did you write in the letter?

Writing Application

Writing Sentences with Direct Objects. Write an original sentence for each of the following patterns. You may add additional words or details as long as you keep the assigned pattern.

EXAMPLE: subject + verb + direct object + direct object
Becky collected both records and marbles.

1. subject + verb + direct object

He borrowed my blue pen.

2. subject + verb + direct object + prepositional phrase

They were playing golf in the field.

3. direct object + helping verb + subject + verb

What did you see in the attic?

4. subject + verb + direct object + conjunction + direct object

Mom bought a pencil and eraser.

5. subject + verb + direct object + adverb + prepositional phrase

Bill deposited the money early in the morning.

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Direct Objects in Questions A direct object in a sentence in normal word order is found after the verb. In a question the direct object is sometimes near the beginning of the sentence, before the verb.

Questions	Normal Word Order
DO What <u>will she do</u> now?	DO She <u>will do</u> what now.
DO Whom <u>do they want</u> ?	DO They <u>do want</u> whom.
DO Which <u>road</u> should we take?	DO We should take which <u>road</u> .

Exercise 1

Finding Direct Objects in Questions. Circle the direct object in each question below. Note that in three of the sentences, the direct object follows the verb.

EXAMPLE: Which tool do you need?

1. Whom did they call in Portland?
2. Which photograph did they lose?
3. When will the plumber fix the leaking sink?
4. What excuse can she possibly offer?
5. Which role in *Romeo and Juliet* does he want?
6. When will Sandy send the invitations to her party?
7. Whom does the principal expect?
8. How many CD's do you have?
9. Where will you bake the cookies for our get-together?
10. Which recipe will you use?

Exercise 2

Using Direct Objects in Sentences. Some of the sentences below are questions; others are not. Fill in an appropriate direct object in each blank space.

EXAMPLE: Which train will you take to Boston?

1. For the car wash, I will make a schedule.
2. Whom did they invite to speak?
3. Which book by John Steinbeck do you want?
4. When will you prepare the project ?
5. We expect mother to arrive at the airport tonight.
6. How many boxes do you need?
7. From the top of the hill I can see the lighthouse.
8. Whom did the dean call?
9. Where will you buy the book ?
10. I think I can understand your point.