

Lesson 191

Parts of the Sentence - Indirect Objects

An *indirect object* is really a *prepositional phrase* in which the *preposition to* or *for* is not stated but understood. It tells to whom or for whom something is done. The *indirect object* always comes between the *verb* and the *direct object*.

Example:

She *gave me* a *gift*. (indirect object)

She *gave to me* a *gift*. (prepositional phrase)

The *indirect object* always modifies the verb. It may have modifiers and be compound. It is used with verbs such as *give, tell, send, get, buy, show, build, do, make, save, and read*.

Example:

She *gave the man and me* a *gift*. (indirect objects)

She *gave to the man and to me* a *gift*. (prepositional phrases)

Instructions: Find the *verb*, *direct object*, and *indirect object* in the following sentences.

1. Has your boss sent you a notice about the next convention?
2. John read his tiny nephew an exciting story.
3. Our father built the family a redwood picnic table.
4. The doctor sent me a bill for his services.
5. We gave my mother a book for her birthday.