

Lesson 192

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 Terri shown Jeanne and Barbara her new ring?
2. The new highway saved the travelers several miles.
3. Did the workers give the spies confidential information?
4. Will Jim get us tickets to the game?
5. I bought Ila and Jeff two big pieces of cake.