

Lesson 193

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. The new manager offered Jay a higher position.
2. This spring Carl told us his plans for the summer.
3. Many jobs don't pay the employees much money.
4. Mr. Blower read the neighbor children some interesting stories about Australia.
5. Mr. Smith, my broker, sold my parents some stock yesterday.