

Lesson 194

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: Rewrite the following sentences so each has an *indirect object*.

1. I *asked* an important *question of my mother*.
2. Grandpa *read* the nursery *rhymes to the grandchildren*.
3. She *bought* a new *dress for herself*.
4. He *did* a great *favor for the whole town*.
5. The artist *showed* his most famous *painting to the viewers*.