

Lesson 195

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: Using all the knowledge learned in the previous lessons, find the *verbs*, *subjects*, *predicate nominatives*, *direct objects*, *appositives*, *nouns of address*, *adjectives*, *predicate adjectives*, *adverbs*, *prepositions*, *objects of the preposition*, and *indirect objects* in the following sentences. If there are any *adjectives*, *adverbs*, *prepositional phrases*, or *indirect objects* then tell what word they modify.

1. At the mall Pam bought her children two new toys.
2. Tomorrow you should send your friend a thank you card.
3. The veteran pitcher threw the rookie hitter a fast-breaking curve ball.
4. The public defender gave her client her best advice.

5. Eric showed his math teacher a problem with the question.