

Objects and Object Pronouns

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Objects

- In the sentences below, what do the underlined terms have in common?

I eat the tomato.

We sing the hymn.

He saw a giant fish.

Pete knows Martha.

They cook pasta.

She hugs her friend Paul.

Objects

These terms all indicate who or what receives the action of the verb. We call these direct objects.

Objects

- In the sentences below, what do the underlined terms have in common?

I sent Tom the letter.

You gave Chris a bad grade.

We bought our sister a dress.

Rob kept the shoes for his brother.

Objects

These terms all indicate to whom or for whom an action is completed. We call these indirect objects. Many times indirect objects will appear with direct objects.

Original Sentence	Split Sentence	Direct Object	Indirect Object
I sent Tom the letter	I sent the letter (to Tom)	the letter	Tom
You gave Chris a bad grade	You gave a bad grade (to Chris)	bad grade	Chris
We bought our sister a dress	We bought a dress (for our sister)	a dress	our sister
Rob kept the shoes for his brother	Rob kept the shoes (for his brother)	the shoes	his brother

Object Pronouns

- We can replace direct and indirect objects with **object pronouns**.
- In cases where we have both a direct and indirect object, we may choose to replace none, one or both of them with pronouns. Look at the example below.

We sent **the package** to my parents. → **the package** is the direct object
→ my parents are the indirect object

We sent **the package** to them. / We sent **it** to my parents. / We sent **it** to them.

Object Pronouns - Practice

Rewrite the sentences below, replacing both the direct and indirect objects with pronouns:

1. Tom bought a new car for Martha.
2. Jane sent the letters to Samuel.
3. My mom cooked the turkey for my family and me.
4. Sarah called Pablo for Brenda.