

Direct and Indirect Objects!

Simply stated, a **direct object** *receives the action of a verb*. Looking at the definition, THE most important part is that a direct object MUST and CAN ONLY follow an ACTION VERB.

- The **quarterback** for our team **threw** the **ball** downfield.
 - quarterback = SS
 - threw = SP
 - ball = DO since it receives the action of the verb “threw.”
- **Kevin** **handed** the **bowl** of mashed potatoes to his sister Brittany.
 - Kevin = SS
 - handed = SP
 - bowl = DO since it receives the action of the verb “handed.”
- **Members** of the chess team **boarded** the **bus** after school.
 - Members = SS
 - boarded = SP
 - bus = DO since it receives the action of the verb “boarded.”
- **Volunteers** at the voting precinct **counted** **ballots** when the polls closed.
 - Volunteers = SS
 - counted = SP
 - ballots = DO since it receives the action of the verb “counted.”
- A gigantic grizzly **bear** **snatched** a huge, flopping **salmon** from the stream.
 - bear = SS
 - snatched = SP
 - salmon = DO since it receives the action of the verb “snatched.”

An **indirect object** *is to whom or for whom the action of the sentence was done*. If an indirect object appears in a sentence, it has to adhere (stick to) to a few rules:

1. It can only appear in a sentence that has an **action verb**.
2. It can only appear in a sentence that has a **direct object**.
3. It will **always, always, always** be found between AV and the DO.
4. It will answer the question “**to whom or for whom was the action done?**”

- **Baker Mayfield** **handed** **Nick Chubb** the **football**.
 - Baker Mayfield = SS
 - handed = SP
 - football = DO since it receives the action of the verb “handed.”
 - Nick Chubb = IO since he was “for whom” the action was done.

- **Shirley** **sent** her **grandma** a homemade birthday **card** covered in glitter.
 - Shirley = SS
 - sent = SP
 - card = DO since it receives the action of the verb “handed.”
 - grandma = IO since he was “for whom” the action was done.

- **Mrs. Davis** **shot** her misbehaving twin **boys** a dirty **look** during church today.
 - Mrs. Davis = SS
 - shot = SP
 - look = DO since it receives the action of the verb “handed.”
 - boys = IO since he was “for whom” the action was done.