

Know Your Building Materials!

Direct Objects

A **direct object** is a noun or a pronoun that is acted on by the verb. It answers the question “**What?**” or “**Whom?**”

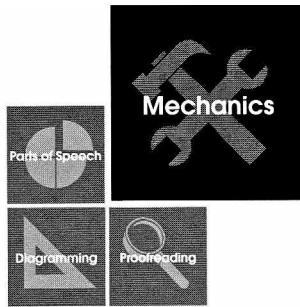
The boy kicked the **ball**. (The boy kicked **what?**)

Draw one line under the verb and two lines under the direct object.

1. My brother hit me.
2. I am arranging a trip to Borneo.
3. The red Mustang hit the little Toyota and the dump truck.
4. Babe Ruth got more hits than anyone on the team.
5. My friend swiped a candy bar from me.
6. Please give a bath to that dog soon!

Fill in the blank.

The most common coordinating _____ are **and**, **or**, and **but**.



Good Mechanics Are Hard to Find

There, Their, They're

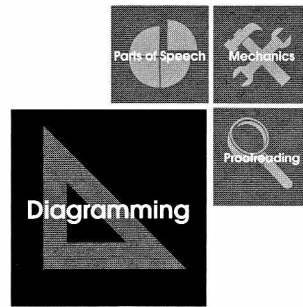
There is an adverb meaning “at that place” or “in that place.”

Their is a word that shows possession.

They're is a contraction of “they are.”

Fill in the blanks with **there**, **their**, or **they're**.

1. _____ are sixteen students in the class.
2. All the students have _____ own projects.
3. _____ expected to finish the work independently.
4. As a reward, _____ going on a field trip to Sea World.
5. _____, _____ going to be allowed to feed _____ lunch to Shamu.
6. Unfortunately, Shamu may choose to bite off _____ hands.
7. If _____ maimed, the students will have to brush _____ teeth with _____ feet.



Understand the Structure

Diagramming Direct Objects

A direct object is placed on the main horizontal line. It is separated from the verb by a vertical line that does not cross the horizontal line.

The dog ate the bone.

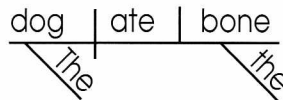
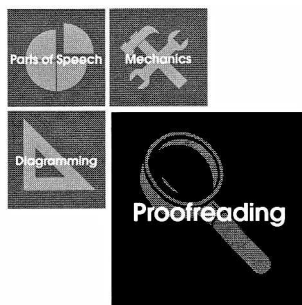


Diagram the following sentences.

1. The baseball player hit the ball into the bleachers.
2. Angrily, the teacher threw the papers down.
3. My mother baked a cake and frosted it with whipped cream.



Careless Mistakes Can Cause Big Problems!

Proofreading

Correct the mistakes in the sentences below. **There are eight mistakes.**

Goldilocks would of been in big trouble if the police had caught her. Think of how many illegal acts she committed! First of all, she broked into the three bear's house without an invitation. Then, she smashed there furniture and stole all there dinner. She committed crimes like breaking and entering, destroying property, and she stole things. What kind of lesson is this story teaching little kids.