

Know Your Building Materials!

Indirect Objects

An **indirect object** tells **to whom** or **for whom** something is done. It is always paired with a direct object.

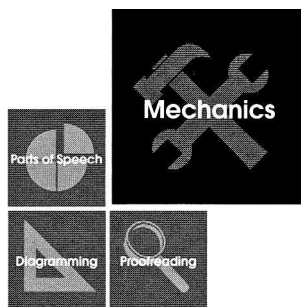
Bessie gave me a cookie.

Cookie is the direct object. A **cookie** is what was given.

Me is the indirect object. **Me** indicates to whom it was given.

Draw one line under the direct object and two lines under the indirect object in the following sentences.

1. I wrote my buddy a long letter.
2. Jean told Jill an embarrassing secret.
3. My dad gave my brother and his friend two tickets to the hockey game.
4. She made Ben chocolate chip cookies and caramel popcorn.
5. I showed William my sister's surprise.
6. On her birthday, I sent my friend a large bouquet of balloons.



Good Mechanics Are Hard to Find

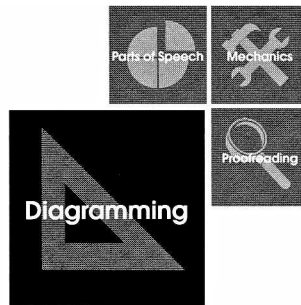
Verb Tenses and Irregular Verbs

Tense means time. A verb tells us not only what action is occurring but also when it is occurring. The form and spelling of the verb change to tell us when an action is taking place.

Most verbs are regular and use the -ed ending to indicate past tense. Some verbs, called irregular, have different spellings to indicate past tense.

Fill in the chart.

Present tense	Future Tense	Past Tense	Past tense with helpers (Past Participle)
paint	will paint	painted	has, have painted
work		worked	
speak		spoke	
	will ring		
			has, have ridden
		ate	
	will draw		
do			
		knew	
			has, have driven
		took	
begin			
	will see		
move			
	will be		
		held	



Understand the Structure

Diagramming Indirect Objects

An indirect object is treated like a prepositional phrase modifying the verb. However, the slanted line has no preposition since **to** or **for** are understood and not stated. Mom sent **(to)** me a letter.

Dad gave silly John a scolding.

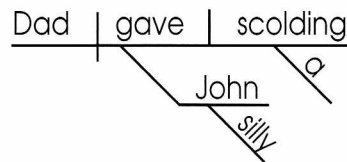


Diagram the following sentences. (Hint: Understood subjects are placed in parentheses on the subject line.)

1. José sent me a letter on the first day of camp.
2. Sadly, Lee told Jenny the story about the accident in school.
3. Bring him the large purple canister from the kitchen.



Careless Mistakes Can Cause Big Problems!

Proofreading

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

Rember all those pictures of the Pilgrims at the first Thanksgiving? There hats and clothes were black and white and they had buckles on they're shoes. Original letters from the period tell us thats not how the Pilgrims dressed. They weared colorful clothes, not just black and white. Buckles on shoes and wearing only black and white didn't come into fashion untill years later.