

Indirect Object Position

FORM:



USE:

The object is something which receives the action of a verb, or which follows a preposition.

The “**direct object**” is the thing which receives the first impact of the verb’s action.

The “**indirect object**” receives the impact of the direct object.

In “*He is writing a letter to Susan*”, the first “thing” the writing has an impact on is the “letter” (direct object). The second “thing” to receive an impact is “Susan” (indirect object).

When the direct object is transferred to the indirect object, two sentence forms are possible. If the direct object is before the indirect object, the indirect object is introduced by “**to**” or “**for**” depending on the verb. “*He is writing a letter to Susan.*”

EXAMPLES

<p><i>I am sending an E-mail to Sophie.</i></p> <p><i>She is making a cake for her son.</i></p>	<p>➔</p> <p>➔</p>	<p><i>I am sending Sophie an E-mail.</i></p> <p><i>She is making her son a cake.</i></p>
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Place the INDIRECT OBJECT before the object in each sentence.

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| <p>1. They are giving the gift to their mother.</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>7. Please buy some coffee and doughnuts for us.</p> <p>_____</p> |
| <p>2. I am knitting a sweater for my daughter.</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>8. Bob is selling the car to his friend.</p> <p>_____</p> |
| <p>3. James brought some soup to his sick friend.</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>9. He gave the present to Helen.</p> <p>_____</p> |
| <p>4. The postman is giving a package to Wayne.</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>10. She mailed the books to him.</p> <p>_____</p> |
| <p>5. He told the joke to his buddy.</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>11. Mark is bringing the report to her.</p> <p>_____</p> |
| <p>6. She is making a dress for her daughter.</p> <p>_____</p> | <p>12. Keith has bought a present for Ann.</p> <p>_____</p> |