

Indirect Objects

An **indirect object** tells to whom or for whom the action of the verb is done.

Example:

Jack showed the *dog* kindness.



For each sentence write the simple subject, the verb, the indirect object, and the direct object, in that order.

1. Visits to state reserves offer many people views of animals in their natural habitats.

2. Animals in the wild can bring city folk much enjoyment.

3. Reserves and wildlife refuges also afford animals protection from poachers and pollution.

4. Some reserves offer visitors guided tours.

5. Guidebooks and occasional special programs give nature hikers additional information.

6. I offered the dogs treats.

7. I gave each dog a warning about politeness.



Rewrite each sentence, replacing the underlined phrase with an indirect object.

8. The university offered internships at a marine reserve to juniors.

9. One reserve gave a job observing the habits of sea lions to a student.

10. At the end of the semester, the student handed a fascinating report on the feeding of sea lions to her professor.



Expand each sentence so that it will have an indirect object as well as a direct object. Write the new sentences.

11. My friend asked questions about the first meeting.

12. I told the facts.



Predicate Nominatives

A **predicate nominative** is a noun or pronoun that follows a linking verb and renames the subject.

Example:

Lassie has been a *celebrity* for decades.



Underline all the predicate nominatives in each sentence. Then draw an arrow from each predicate nominative to the subject it refers to.

1. Truck drivers are one link between producers and consumers in the United States.
2. A requirement for every professional driver is hard work.
3. Another essential qualification is commitment.
4. A determination to drive safely is also a necessity.
5. Controlling a huge truck is no easy task.
6. The most dangerous vehicles of all are bobtail tractors, lightweight rigs, and hazardous materials tankers.
7. Stormy weather may be a trucker's enemy.
8. The most hazardous conditions are often rain, ice, and desert heat.
9. Speeding is often a cause of trucking accidents.
10. Another important cause of accidents may be a lapse of attention.
11. For most truckers, driving is a difficult, tiring job.
12. For a few, it is an enjoyable diversion.
13. Accidents are the nightmares of all truckers.
14. Big-rig accidents are often deadly accidents.
15. "Rinty" was a puppy when he came to America.
16. His owner and trainer was Corporal Lee Duncan.
17. Rin Tin Tin became a star.
18. She is still an inspiration today.
19. A Halloween pumpkin is a jack-o-lantern.
20. A pumpkin is really a squash.

