

Direct Objects

13b. A *direct object* is a noun, pronoun, or word group that tells who or what receives the action of the verb.

EXAMPLES Ms. Damon arranged the **desks** into a circle.
She bought a **sofa** and a **chair**. [compound direct object]

EXERCISE In the following sentences, circle the verb and underline the direct object. Some sentences do not have a direct object.

Example 1. Tonight I will read the last chapter of this book.

1. Ms. McCourt manages her business carefully.
2. Our tabby cat, Mr. Alp, stalked the mouse through the garden.
3. Please bring me a salad from the sandwich shop on the corner.
4. At first, she put the dog and the cat in separate rooms.
5. Jada and Whitney attended their ten-year high school reunion last week.
6. He could have talked about African history for hours.
7. Has the detective reached a conclusion about the burglary yet?
8. The mathematician thought about the unusual proof for several days.
9. The final scene of that movie completely surprised me.
10. After the final performance of the play, Ms. Marrazzo congratulated the cast and crew.
11. At his concert last night, Taj Mahal played “Think,” a blues song.
12. Did you rent any videos last week?
13. The author finally published the article.
14. Conchata practices piano three times a week.
15. I’ll be waiting for your call.
16. Mr. Pinkett gave his old books, a computer, and a mattress to the Salvation Army.
17. Did you hear the president on the radio this morning?
18. For my birthday, my sister gave me the latest book in the series.
19. Mr. Miyasaki is an expert on bonsai trees.
20. In a seat at the back of the theater, the playwright watched her play.