

Nouns as Direct Objects

A **direct object** is a word or group of words that name the receiver of the action of a verb. In a typical English sentence, the direct object follows the verb and answers the question *Whom?* or *What?* Generally speaking, the subject of the sentence does something to the direct object.

Example: Garrett Morgan invented the **traffic light**.
(Garrett Morgan invented what?)

Directions: In each sentence, underline the direct object(s).

1. My grandmother donated old clothes and shoes.
2. Marvin, pass the chicken and biscuits, please.
3. While he was in Canada, Leon purchased some souvenirs.
4. Virginia and Valerie baked a pecan pie and chocolate chip cookies.
5. The energetic student led the cheers during the assembly.
6. Arnold easily answered the difficult science questions on the test.
7. The Chinese people invented fireworks, among other things.
8. Beverly showed her coworkers a picture of her grandson.
9. The newspaper sent three reporters to the crime scene.
10. Roald Dahl wrote the book *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.
11. Tran Lee read the newspaper every day before school.
12. Jonathan gave his girlfriend, Anna, a bouquet of flowers.