

Review and Remember - Action Verb Complements

Review An **ACTION VERB** is a verb which shows action. A few action verbs, like **understand**, are mental processes and can't be demonstrated

Remember An action verb sometimes needs a word to finish its meaning. This word is called a **COMPLEMENT**.

Remember The **ACTION VERB COMPLEMENTS** are: Direct Object, Indirect Object, Object Complement.

Review The **DIRECT OBJECT** answers the questions **what?** or **whom?** after the action verb. A DO must be a noun or a pronoun.

Example: Jeff kicked the ball very hard.

The **INDIRECT OBJECT** answers the questions **to what? for what?** or **to whom? for whom?** after the action verb. An IO must be a noun or a pronoun.

Example: Sally gave her mother a check for rent.

The **OBJECT COMPLEMENT** identifies or describes the direct object. An object complement may be a noun, pronoun, or adjective.

Examples: The mayor appointed Ken treasure. (OC as a noun)

Our dog considers the sofa his. (OC as a pronoun)

Some of my friends call me crazy. (OC as an adjective)

Remember No part of any of these complements may be inside a prepositional phrase.

Practice: Putting all the action verb complements together - For each sentence below and on the back of this sheet, do the following:

1. Put all prepositional phrases in parentheses.
2. Underline the subject once and the verb twice (don't forget verb phrase helper verbs).
3. Circle all direct objects.
4. Put a square around all indirect objects.
5. Label the object complement with **OC** above the word.

All sentences must have both a subject and a verb. The sentences may or may not have a prep. phrase, direct object, indirect object, or object complement.

1. Alex baked the class pumpkin bread.
2. I will make them stars by the end of the year.
3. My dog brought Dad his slippers.
4. I find school elections a good experience.
5. In the middle of the pile of papers was Mr. Jones' golden fountain pen.
6. Lisa and Jim made Mrs. O'Brien a pie from the strawberries in the garden.
7. Some critical people consider fine art a necessity of life.
8. Janet ran the 100-meter dash very fast for a beginner.
9. We appointed Carol secretary of the French Club.
10. Aren't you going to school during the teachers' strike?

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