

Nouns Used as Direct Objects



A noun used as a direct object receives the action of a transitive verb.

Gary threw the *ball*. (What did Gary throw? The *ball*.)

Angie saw the *dentist*. (Whom did Angie see? The *dentist*.)

We have a *surprise* for you. (What do we have? A *surprise*.)

Identifying Direct Objects. Underline the noun used as a direct object in each of the following sentences.

1. The rocket is circling the earth.
2. Ms. Treadwell needed a new car.
3. My father's dog chases the neighbor's cat.
4. Questions usually have answers.
5. St. George slew the ferocious dragon.
6. Did you understand the assignment?
7. Follow the leader.
8. Some elephants have enormous tusks.
9. The baker with the white chef's cap baked sourdough bread.
10. That sentence has a mistake in it.
11. The octopus waved its tentacle at a friend.
12. My cousins and I ate a whole pie.
13. Western Union delivered a long telegram.
14. The creatures landed their spaceship on our property.
15. Who baked the pie?
16. The child nearly lost her way in the dark.
17. A king ruled the early Sumerian cities.
18. You can read this story for us.
19. Each word has three syllables.
20. Who leads the National League in home runs?