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## Complements: Objects of Verbs

Teaching

Action verbs often need complements called direct objects and indirect objects to complete their meaning.

A **direct object** is a word or a group of words that names the receiver of the action of an action verb. It answers the question *what* or *whom*.

Dad read the comics. (*What* did Dad read?)

An **indirect object** is a word or group of words that tells *to what* or *to whom*, or *for whom* or *for what* an action is done. The indirect object usually comes between the verb and the direct object. Verbs that are often followed by an indirect object include *ask, bring, give, hand, lend, make, offer, send, show, teach, tell, and write*.

Dad read his daughter the comics. (*To whom* did Dad read the comics?)

### Recognizing Objects of Verbs

In each sentence, if the underlined word is a direct object, write **DO** on the line. If it is an indirect object, write **IO**.

EXAMPLE The diver found a shipwreck. **DO**

1. The detective finally solved the mystery. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The campers cooked their food over an open fire. \_\_\_\_\_
3. The loud music gave me a headache. \_\_\_\_\_
4. The rabbit in *Alice in Wonderland* carries a watch. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Andrea showed my family the photographs from her trip. \_\_\_\_\_
6. We offered Jim a ride to the game. \_\_\_\_\_
7. The electric eel stuns its enemies with an electric shock. \_\_\_\_\_
8. Remember to send your hostess a thank-you note. \_\_\_\_\_
9. Mr. Weld baked his daughter a birthday cake. \_\_\_\_\_
10. The monkeys climbed the tall trees in the rain forest. \_\_\_\_\_
11. Candice told her sister a secret. \_\_\_\_\_
12. You can rent videos at that store. \_\_\_\_\_
13. The Bureau of the Mint manufactures all coins in the United States. \_\_\_\_\_
14. Enrique taught his dog a new trick. \_\_\_\_\_
15. Imagine a city under the sea. \_\_\_\_\_