

Grammar Worksheet Four
Sophomore English

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Grammar Quiz Four on Friday, October 29th

Nouns II

- A **subject** is that which initiates an action; in other words, who or what is initiating whatever is being done.
 - Example: *The postman left Harry a letter.*
- A **predicate noun** is normally placed after the verb: it answers the question *what?* or *who?* and it refers to or renames the subject of the sentence. Predicate nouns can only follow linking verbs.
 - Example: *The king was a tyrant.*
- A **direct object** is a noun that directly receives the action expressed by the verb.
 - Example: *The postman left Harry a letter.*
- An **indirect object** is a noun in the predicate that usually tells *to whom* or *for whom* the action of the verb is done. It most often precedes the direct object.
 - Example: *The postman left Harry a letter.*
- A noun that is part of a prepositional phrase is an **object of the preposition**:
 - Example: *The bird is in the tree.*
- An **appositive** is a word or group of words which means the same thing as the noun it follows. Usually it identifies or explains the noun. An appositive is **not** connected to the subject by a linking verb.
 - Example: *Tom Walker, a foolish man, sold his soul to the devil.*
- A noun is used in **direct address** when it names the person being addressed in the sentence.
 - Example: *Mary, wash the dishes!*

The Process

1. Identify all prepositional phrases and remove them from the sentence.
 - If the noun is in the prepositional phrase it is an **object of the preposition**.
2. Find the verb.
 - Action or Linking? → If linking, is the noun a **predicate noun**?
3. Who/ what does the verb? This is the **subject**.
4. Ask the following question: "What was {insert verb here}?" The answer to this question is the **direct object**.
5. To who/for whom was the verb done? This is the **Indirect Object**.

- Does the noun in question directly follow another noun (no linking verb) and rename the noun? This is an **appositive**.
- Is the noun the name of somebody who is being addressed? This is a noun in **direct address**.

Exercises

In each of the following sentences, indicate whether the underlined noun is being used as the subject of the verb (S), predicate noun (p.n.), direct object (d.o.), indirect object (i.o.), object of a preposition (o.p.), appositive (app.), or in direct address (d.a.).

1. Happiness brings peace and contentment to all mankind.
2. Little Bo Peep lost her sheep.
3. John placed the pencil on the desk.
4. The mean, old dog chased the mailman around the block.
5. The government sent the flooded town financial assistance.
6. Peter was the quarterback on the football team.
7. In the pool before the sun rose, Deborah swam fifty laps.
8. Placido guessed the answer to the question.
9. The gardener rested the old rake beside the white picket fence.
10. Billy's teacher Mrs. Calloway never assigns homework over the weekend.
11. The correct answer to the problem is seventeen.
12. I couldn't believe the face in the mirror was mine.
13. After a rocky start, Cliff grasped the essential concepts in the grammar unit.
14. I am the person you are looking for.
15. In American law, justice applies to all members of society equally.
16. Kate sent a letter to her mother-in-law.

17. The Peterson's only son, Rusty, has decided to join the circus.
18. Mrs. Smith sent her son a box of oatmeal cookies.
19. Cassidy, please pass me the bread.
20. Rebecca gave Simon the measles.
21. Before the clock struck 12 o'clock, the mysterious girl frantically ran toward her pumpkin colored convertible.
22. We screamed, "You forgot your keys, Jennifer," but it was too late.
23. Pierre baked the loaf to perfection.
24. Linda was the mother of the child.
25. The student gave her teacher a shiny, red, organically grown apple.
26. With all due respect, ma'am, I'm allergic to peanut butter.
27. The philosopher Alfred North Whitehead once wrote that the history of philosophy was a series of footnotes to Plato.
28. The story that you just heard, my dear listeners, is a complete lie.
29. The mailman delivered the package to the reclusive neighbor who lives down the street.
30. Our language has adopted the words garage, panache, and fanfare from French.
31. The surrealist painter, Salvador Dali, often painted while his wife read aloud to him.
32. Felicia thought about the future every day.
33. Sue was the student whose name was called over the intercom.
34. The philanthropist gave the museum one million dollars.
35. Students, quiet down, and get to work.