DIRECT OBJECTS

Learning Outcome: Upon successful completion of this worksheet, students will be able to locate direct objects in sentences.

Before you begin: If you need to refresh your memory about subjects, action verbs, or direct objects, please consult a handbook like Diana Hacker’s *A Writer’s Reference* here in the WRC or visit The Guide to Grammar at [http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/index2.htm](http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/index2.htm).

When you are done: Worksheets are designed to be a self-teaching opportunity. Therefore, we provide the answer keys so that, when you are done, you can check your answers. Should you want to consult with a professor on duty about your answers, please be sure to check your answers first.

Directions: Underline the direct object(s) in each of the following sentences. Hint: It is helpful to locate, and cross out, the prepositional phrases first because you will never find the subject of a sentence in a prepositional phrase.

Example: The children were watching cartoons on television.

1. For my birthday, Hiroshi hosted a wild party at his home.
2. Did you see that movie based on Hawthorne’s *The Scarlet Letter*?
3. On safari, Claudia photographed several varieties of wild cats.
4. Mateo gets high pay in construction work.
5. When we visit my grandparents, we get a warm welcome.
6. Next summer we’ll study Spanish in Mexico City.
7. In 1777, Congress approved the first American flag.
8. Margo plays the bongos in her spare time, but her brother prefers the guitar.
9. Do you have five dollars?

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10. Having spent so much time in Berlin, you probably speak excellent German.

11. *War and Peace*, by Tolstoy, has seven hundred pages.

12. While wandering through the Mojave Desert, the old prospector accidentally struck gold.

13. Did your good friend Jim bring his funny-looking little dog with him today?

14. Flying from San Francisco all the way to Boston, we took a two-hour nap between meals and stopovers.

15. Please don’t crowd the aisles.

16. Did you really appreciate Henry Moore’s sculpture?

17. Read about it, and study the guide.

18. Have you read *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros?

19. I will not attend the concert with them.

20. Through the window, Tenisha saw the photograph of her grandparents.