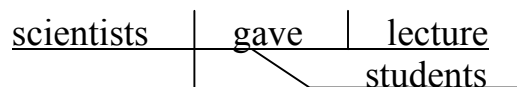


INDIRECT OBJECTS

The indirect object is located after the action verb and before the direct object. It is always a noun or a pronoun. The indirect object tells to whom the action is done. Look at the following example:

Example: The scientists gave the **students** a lecture concerning Aquarius, the new habitat.

In the sentence above, you would ask of the verb *Who gave?* The answer is the subject *scientists*. The next question is *Scientists gave what?* The answer is the direct object, *lecture*. To find the indirect object, you ask, *Scientists gave lecture to whom?* The answer is the indirect object, *students*. One way to check the indirect object is to see if you can place a preposition before it: Scientists gave **to** the students a lecture. The example sentence can be diagrammed as follows:

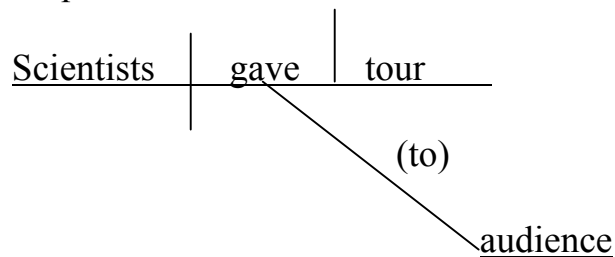


Sometimes the *to* that is understood for the indirect object is written on the slanted line under the verb in parentheses like this: (to). See #1 in the exercise below for an example.

<p>Exercise 4: Diagramming Subjects, Verbs, Direct Objects, and Indirect Objects <i>The Aquarius</i></p>
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Directions: In the following sentences, label the functions of the words in the sentence as follows: subject (**S**), verb (**V**), indirect object (**IO**), and direct object (**DO**). Diagram each of these words by placing them on the diagram frames provided. The first sentence has been done for you.

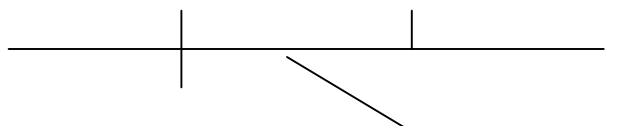
- The scientists gave the audience a slide tour of the underwater habitat named Aquarius.



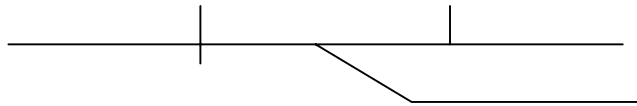
- The slides showed the audience several divers approaching the underwater facility.



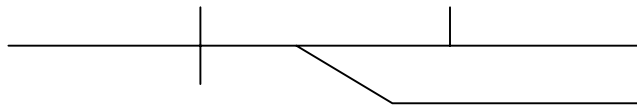
- Florida Bay gives many fish species a refuge.



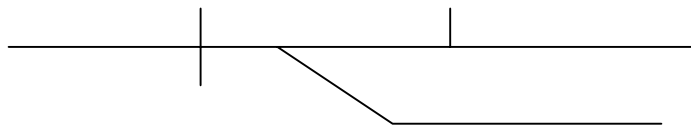
4. The bay's shallow bottom brought Florida's freshwater crocodile safety.



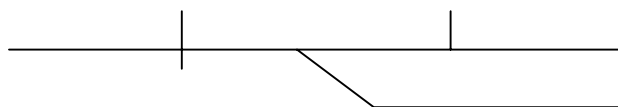
5. The Florida crocodile's teeth earned it a ferocious reputation.



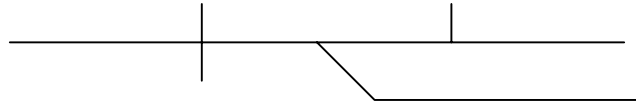
6. The project costs the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) a lot of money.



7. Oceanographic engineers give the submarine, equipped with a camera and sonar, a good workout.



8. Everyone in the audience gave the scientists a round of applause.



Adapted from: <http://www.jason.org/expeditions/jason7/overview.html>.

