

Voice and Direct Object

A direct object is a noun or pronoun that receives the direct action of a verb. In a sentence, the verb acts upon the direct object.

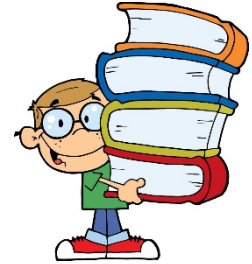
EXAMPLE 1: The boy carried the books.

The books receive the action from the verb carries. The direct object is books.

When a sentence is in the passive voice, the direct object is the subject of the sentence.

EXAMPLE 2: The books were carried by the boy.

The meaning of both sentences is the same. Example 1 is in active voice. The subject of the sentence performs the action. Example 2 is in passive voice. The subject (formerly the direct object in the sentence) is not performing any action.



DIRECTIONS: Write the direct object in each sentence on the line.

1. George broke the vase. _____
2. The cookies were eaten by Jim. _____
3. The desk was made by Roger. _____
4. Vince called my name. _____
5. The bag was put away by Jane. _____
6. Chris drew the picture. _____