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Sample Sentence: The children gave me their full attention.

Step 1- eliminate the prepositional phrases: (no prepositional phrases in this sentence)

Step 2- underline the verb or verb phrase twice: The children gave me their full attention. **Step 3- underline the subject once:** The children gave me their full attention.

Step 4A - Since the verb "gave" is an action verb, look for a direct object. Ask: Children gave what?

"ATTENTION" is the DIRECT OBJECT.

Step 4B - Since the sentence has a direct object, look for an indirect object. Ask: Children gave attention to whom? **"ME" is the INDIRECT OBJECT.**

Follow STEPS 1 - 4 as above to find the INDIRECT OBJECT in the following sentences:

1. I gave Kelvin the tickets to the movie.

Step 1:

Step 2:

Step 3:

Step 4A:

Step 4 B:

2. The bully gave me a fright.

Step 1:

Step 2:

Step 3:

Step 4A:

Step 4B:

3. The architect is drawing the company blueprints of their new building.

Step 1:

Step 2:

Step 3:

Step 4A:

Step 4 B:

LESSON PRACTICE B - OVERHEAD TRANSPARENCY MASTER

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Sample sentence: The children gave me their full attention.

Step 1 - **Eliminate any prepositional phrase:** (no prepositional phrases in this sentence) Step 2 - Underline the verb twice: The children gave me their full attention.

Step 3 - Underline the subject once: The children gave me their full attention.

Step 4 - **Is verb Action? Look for a direct object and** it box

The children gave me their full attention.

Step 4A - **Is there a Direct Object? Look for an Indirect Object.**

Ask: Children gave attention to whom? "ME" is the INDIRECT OBJECT.

Follow STEPS 1 - 4 as above to find the INDIRECT OBJECT in the following sentences:

- I gave Kelvin the tickets to the movie.

Step 1: **Eliminate any prepositional phrases:** I gave Kelvin the tickets [~~to the movie~~] Step 2: **Underline the verb twice:** I gave Kelvin the tickets.

Step 3: **Underline the subject once:** I gave Kelvin the tickets.

Step 4A: **Action Verb? Look for a direct object & box it:** I gave Kelvin the tickets.

Step 4B: **Was there a Direct Object? Since there was, look for an Indirect Object:**

Ask: I gave tickets to whom? "Kelvin" is the INDIRECT OBJECT.

- The bully gave me a fright.

Step 1: **Eliminate any prepositional phrases:** (no prepositional phrase) Step 2: **Underline the verb twice:** gave

Step 3: **Underline the subject once:** bully

Step 4k: **Box the direct object after action verb** fright

Step 4B: **Since the sentence has a direct object, look for an indirect object.**

Ask: Bully gave fright to whom? "Me" is the INDIRECT OBJECT.

- The architect is drawing the company blueprints of their new building. Step 1: **Eliminate any prepositional phrases:** [~~of their new building~~] Step 2: Underline the verb or verb phrase twice: is drawing

Step 3: **Underline the subject once:** architect

Step 4A: **Look for a direct object after action verb and box it:** blueprints

Step 4B: **Since the sentence has a direct object, look for an indirect object:**

Ask: Architect drew plans **for whom?** “**Company**” is the **INDIRECT OBJECT**.

PRACTICE B: INDIRECT OBJECTS

INSTRUCTIONS: Follow Steps 1 - 4B to analyze the sentences that follow. The first 2 are done for you.

- Step 1 - Find the prepositional phrases and enclose in [brackets].
Step 2 - Find the verb phrase and underline it.
Step 3 - Find the subject and bold it.
Step 4A - Find the direct object and italicize it.
Step 4B - Find the indirect object and highlight it.

1. Marie gave Jane a *Coke*.
2. **Barbara** loaned her sister five *dollars*.
3. The **con artist** traded Randy a worthless baseball *card* [for a genuine Babe Ruth autograph].
4. Take Ana the *cookies* [before the party].
5. The **committee** sent Mario an *invitation* [to the dance].
6. **We** gave Bob a *watch* [for Christmas].
7. **Naomi** sent her father a birthday *card*.
8. **Polly** gave Jake her *book* [of poetry].
9. **Kim** gave Louis the *money* [for the tickets] [to the game].
10. **She** prepared us a *cake* [for our party].
11. The **custodian** gave the doors a *coat* [of paint].
12. The **cooks** [at the hotel] prepared the guests a gourmet *meal*.
13. **Nancy** purchased her mother some *flowers*.
14. **Barbie** drew him a *diagram* [of the playground].
15. Their **father** left them a *lot* [of money].
16. The **teacher** told us the whole *story*.
17. **I** sent each member [of my class] a *valentine*.
18. His **dentist** gave Marty some *toothpaste* [for his plaque].
19. **I** sent him eleven *dollars* [for the magazine].
20. **We** gave the dog a steak *bone*.

