

Read and Discover

Direct Objects

Lesson 4

- a. Early peoples made crude tools and weapons out of stone, wood, and bone.
- b. The invention of bronze brought great changes to the ancient world.

Circle the nouns in sentence a. that tell what early peoples made. Circle the noun in sentence b. that tells what the invention of bronze brought.

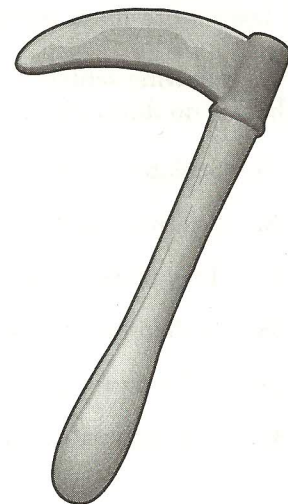
The **direct object** is the noun or pronoun that receives the action of the verb. Only action verbs can take a direct object. A **compound direct object** occurs when more than one noun or pronoun receives the action of the verb. To find the direct object, say the verb and then ask "What?" or "Whom?" For example, to find the direct object of sentence b., ask "The invention of bronze brought what? Answer: It brought *changes*."

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Part 1

Circle the direct object in each sentence. If there is a compound direct object, circle each noun or pronoun that is a direct object.

1. Craftspeople first produced bronze in about 3800 B.C., in Sumeria.
2. These craftspeople melted copper in a kind of furnace.
3. They accidentally mixed arsenic and other minerals with the copper.
4. This combination produced a stronger metal.
5. Eventually, metalworkers combined copper and tin into bronze.
6. Sumerian metalworkers could form this new metal into almost any shape.
7. Craftspeople in Egypt and other nearby areas soon learned the secret of bronze production.
8. People made durable tools, weapons, and statues out of bronze.
9. Farmers tilled fields with bronze-tipped plows.
10. They could cultivate larger areas with these efficient plows.
11. Soon Middle Eastern civilizations needed new sources of tin.
12. This stimulated trade with distant regions.
13. People from widespread cultures exchanged ideas as well as goods.
14. The expansion of trade also encouraged the expansion of empires.
15. Nations conquered other nations for their tin.
16. Over time, however, the Iron Age overcame the Bronze Age.
17. Iron replaced tin as the main metal.



Tools like this bronze-tipped sickle made life a little easier for ancient farmers.