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Read and Discover

Direct Objects and Indirect Objects

Lesson 4

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- a. Cheetahs and leopards catch wart hogs and other prey on the African plains.
- b. Zookeepers give visitors information about these predators.

Circle the nouns in sentence a. that tell what cheetahs catch. Circle the noun in sentence b. that tells what zookeepers give visitors. Draw a line under the noun in sentence b. that tells *to whom* they give it.

A **direct object** is a noun or pronoun that receives the action of the verb. To find the direct object, say the verb and then ask "What?" or "Whom?" An **indirect object** is a person or thing to whom something is given, told, or taught. The indirect object is a noun or pronoun, and it comes before the direct object. To determine whether a word is an indirect object, move it after the direct object and put the word *to* or *for* in front of it. Example: *Zookeepers give information to visitors.* A sentence may have more than one direct object or indirect object.

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Part 1

Circle each direct object in the sentences below. Underline each indirect object. Be careful. Not all sentences contain indirect objects.

1. The zookeeper gave us a short lecture about cheetahs and leopards.
2. The cheetah hunts its prey during the daytime.
3. This swift predator catches creatures using its strong claws.
4. It holds the doomed animal by the neck.
5. The cheetah must eat its catch quickly.
6. Other predators may steal its food.
7. A cheetah cannot defeat a lion or a pack of hyenas.
8. The mother cheetah brings her cubs meat from her catch.
9. The leopard most often stalks prey at night.
10. This carnivore can kill animals larger than itself.
11. The leopard keeps its catch from other predators in an effective way.
12. It climbs a large, thick-branched tree with its catch in its jaws.
13. The leopard then eats its meal in the branches, safe from lions and hyenas.
14. The zookeeper gave adults and children more details about differences between cheetahs and leopards.
15. Many people asked the zookeeper questions after her speech.



The cheetah is the fastest land animal on Earth.