

DIRECT OBJECT PRACTICE

In the space provided write the action verb and the direct object.

1. **A black cloud covered the moon. covered/moon**
2. Thunder pounded the earth like a hammer. _____
3. The thunder announced the birth of a great hero. _____
4. As a baby, John Henry ate food in huge quantities. _____
5. His parents put his meals on seven tables. _____
6. As a child he picked cotton. _____
7. When grown up, he married Polly Ann. _____
8. She helped her husband with his railroad work. _____
9. His hammer drove spikes deep into the rock. _____
10. Later he used two hammers at the same time. _____

Write the direct object of each sentence. Then write what or whom to show what question the direct object answers.

11. **One day a man brought a special drill to the boss. drill/what**
12. Steam powered the new machine. _____
13. The machine did not scare the John Henry. _____
14. He did more work than the steam drill. _____
15. The race with the drill killed this amazing worker. _____

Choose for each sentence a direct object from the following list of nouns.

work death sound John Henry

16. John Henry did the _____ of ten men.

17. The railroad tunnel workers mourned his _____.

18. No one forgot _____.

19. Railroad workers still hear the _____ of his pounding hammer.