



UNIT 3 – GRAMMAR 2

Rules

Direct and Indirect Objects

1. Subject + Verb + Indirect object + Direct object

| | + PERSON (indirect object) | + THING (direct object) |
|---------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| My dad gave | me | <u>this fossil.</u> |
| My mom bought | them | <u>stuffed animals.</u> |
| Show | James | <u>the comic book.</u> |

2. Subject + Verb + Direct object + to / for + Object

| | + THING (indirect object) | + PERSON (to / for + Object) |
|---------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| My dad gave | <u>this fossil</u> | <u>to me.</u> |
| My mom bought | <u>stuffed animals</u> | <u>for them.</u> |
| Show | <u>the comic book</u> | <u>to James.</u> |

* In English, there are many **verbs** using this type of structure:

To + object: express the idea of giving or showing something to somebody (**give, send, show, lend, offer, sell, tell**)

Examples

She **gave** a shirt **to** her brother.

I **sent** postcards **to** my friends.

I **showed** my card **to** the secretary.

She **lent** some money **to** her friend.

He **offered** the chocolates **to** the others.

For + object: express the idea of doing something for another person (**cook, fetch, buy, get, make, find**)

Examples

We **cooked** a meal **for** everybody.

He **fetches** the newspaper **for** his father.

I'll **get** your book **for** you.

She **bought** some toys **for** them.

